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FROM WESTERN VIRGINIA.

BOLD EXPLOIT OF A GUERRILLA BAND.

A Train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Captured.

The Passengers Robbed of Money and Jewelry.

No Prisoners Taken by the Rebels and the Train Not Injured.

BALTIMORE, Saturday, Feb. 13.

The Sun of this morning gives the following particulars:

"The express passenger train which left Camden-street depot on Thursday night for Wheeling and intermediate points, was captured by a company of Confederates when near Kearneysville Depot, about eight miles west of Harper's Ferry.

It appears a switch had been turned, and the usual signal, the waving of a lighted lamp, made by the robbers, as the train approached. The signal caused the engineer to stop the engine. The train was then surrounded by the robbers, and a number of armed men entered the cars. The passengers, among whom, of course, there was a great consternation, were more or less assisted, in the shape of ransom. Some produced greenbacks, others watches, while several reluctantly gave diamonds, rings or breastpins as equivalents for their personal liberty.

We are informed by one of the sufferers who returned to this city by Express train, that reached here from Wheeling at noon yesterday, that the aggregate amount of money taken from passengers was not less than $20,000, while the value of the jewelry was also considerable large.

Conductor Fisher, who had charge of the train, it was stated, was compelled to hand over a check for $4,500, the property of the Railroad Company. This, however, will prove valueless. The fact of the check confiscation was denied yesterday.

A number of the passengers who arrived here yesterday in the Express train, had interviews with some of the passengers, and their statements widely differed, both as to the amount of money, &c., confiscated, and the character of the raiders. Of the former, the amount ranged from $1,200 to $5,000, while of the latter, some were certain that they were persons residing in the neighborhood, while another party, a well-known resident of this city, declared that he conversed with one of the masked gentlemen who stated to him that Maj. Harry Gilmor, of the Confederate Cavalry, was in command of the expedition, that he knew and conversed with him. No one was injured, nor was there the least disposition on the part of the raiders to treat any prisoners. Several members of the Maryland State Legislature, delegates from the Western Counties, were among the passengers, but as far as the occasion are represented to have been quite inoffensive to their official positions. Their greenbacks and watches are said to have formed a part of their booty. It was also either that several Federal officers and soldiers were on the train, but fared no worse than their fellow-passengers. After the raiders accomplished their purpose, they ran the locomotive and tender off the track, causing some injury to the engine. They then left the train, going through the fields, in the direction of Smithfield, a small village in Jefferson County, Va.

Although a company of Federal troops were stationed within a short distance of the point where the train was stopped, none of the passengers or employes of the road were enabled to get any information to them, until all hope of capturing the raiders had vanished. The scene inside the train after the affair, as stated by an eye-witness, was uproariously ridiculous. As certain of the passengers would bring forth from a hiding place various amounts of greenbacks, or other valuables, which they saved from confiscation, congratulations and merriment would ensue, which, however, was frown time to time, well balanced by lamentations and mournful announcements of loss on the part of others. The whole affair indeed, is a strange and novel one. The first time since the war, it is alleged that a passenger train has been captured and destroyed. As to who the raiders really were, so many various opinions have been expressed, that nothing definite can yet be stated on that score. It was thought by some that it was done by a local predatory band organized for the purpose of plundering at every opportunity. The fact that no prisoners were taken all was regarded as arguing rather strongly that they were not regular Confederates.

Information received in Cumberland yesterday that Adams's Express has sustained some loss, which was, during the evening, denied by Mr. Innes, Superintendent of the company, who alleged that in the affair the company had lost neither goods nor funds. The line of the railroad where the raid took place is not in the department under Gen. Lockwood, but in the department under the command of Gen. KELLEY. As regards the injured engine and tender, the railroad employes, with their usual energy, repaired all damages in about three hours, and the detained train with its unlucky passengers arrived in Cumberland yesterday morning almost on time. [All the passenger and freight trains were running as usual yesterday afternoon. Great was the amazement at Wheeling when cavalry force had been placed all along the line of the road while a similar force had been sent out in search of the raiders."

ANOTHER DISPATCH.

[By People's Telegraph Lines, No. 21 Wall-street.]

BALTIMORE, Saturday, Feb. 13.

It is now very strongly suspected that the attack upon the express train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, ten miles east of Martinsburgh, the other night, on account of which has been telegraphed, was by a gang of robbers and cut-throats from the loyal States, Pennsylvania, Ohio and probably deserting Federal soldiers, who had no connection with the rebels. The robbery of the alleghied passengers was very general; not one of them escaped being searched. One man is said to have lost over 4,000 dollars in greenbacks. The passengers made no resistance, supposing they were surrounded by an overwhelming force of rebels. A good many of them threw their watches, jewels and money away, some of which have since been found. No insult was offered to the ladies, and no attempt to make any one a prisoner. Neither was there any effort to burn or destroy the train. The deed was committed almost in sight of quite a strong Federal encampment. All these things look very much as if the offending party was a band of robbers belonging to our own side. Had they been "Confederates," the strong probability is that efforts would have been made to capture all prisoners, as they did not know but President LINCOLN or some other distinguished dignitary might have been aboard. No clue has yet been had to the perpetrators, or guerrillas, as they are called.

The cars are now running regularly and undisturbed over the road.

[We give the above dispatch as it comes, with the remark that it has a very strong "Confederate" aspect. The speculations of the telegraphers at Baltimore are usually likely to be correct than those of other people.—EDS. TIMES.]

The Java and Hibernia Outward Bound.

PORTLAND, Saturday, Feb. 13.

The steamship Java, Capt. OTTER, called at 5½ o'clock this afternoon for Liverpool.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Saturday, Feb. 13.

The steamship Hibernia, for Galway, passed Cape Race at 9 o'clock this (Saturday) evening.

FATAL Aaffray.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, Saturday, Feb. 13.

A man named ROBERT GRAHAM was shot on Friday evening, at a house of ill-fame on Division-street, by Capt. HUMES, of the Stables Cavalry, now in barracks here. Capt. Humes is in jail here. The Grand Jury will not meet until Mon-ness

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Situation in Tennessee—The Probabilities—The Army of the Potomac.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 8, 1864.

I have an impression, amounting almost to positive belief, that some time in the latter part of November, or early in December last past, President LINCOLN called on the people to give thanks to the Almighty for the expulsion of the rebels from Eastern Tennessee, as well as for the masterly achievements under GRANT in and about Chattanooga. Nevertheless, according to the last accounts, LONGSTREET, with something like 25,000 men, seems to have remained in Eastern Tennessee. He appears not only not disposed to go just at present, but to advance further into the "Switzerland of America." There appears, therefore, to have been a slight mistake, some prematurity in the case. How came it about? This, doubtless, is a question which thousands of persons have asked; and I perceive that certain of the Copperhead press have undertaken to disparage Gen. GRANT in connection with it. I believe I can throw a little light on the subject.

The leading idea in the masterly plan which drove BRAGG from his strong position on Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge—defeated and drove his army in panic as far as Ringgold—was to relieve BURNSIDE, then sorely pressed at Knoxville, and to cut off LONGSTREET from BRAGG, and drive him from Eastern Tennessee, (if he got away at all,) through the upper gaps, into Virginia and North Carolina. The pursuit of BRAGG ceased at Ringgold, and GRANT ordered SHERMAN, with the Fifteenth Corps—(the Osterhaus Division belonging to it, which had been temporarily detached under HOOKER, being replaced by Gen. JEFF. C. DAVIS' Division of the Fourteenth Corps, Army of the Cumberland)—to proceed at once and with all possible dispatch toward Knoxville, and "drive LONGSTREET from Eastern Tennessee." Two divisions of the Fourth Corps (GRANGER'S) of THOMAS' command, were at the same time ordered to proceed to the same quarter. This gave SHERMAN, independent of BURNSIDE'S besieged force, a force of about 30,000 men. BURNSIDE had been ordered, on the approach of LONGSTREET, to fall back from the neighborhood of London, where he then was, to some fortified position he could hold, and at the same time keep open a route communicating with Memphis, thus "letting the enemy as far as possible away" from BRAGG and his base. This is not an uninteresting item in the history of the operations in Eastern Tennessee. It went forth that BURNSIDE was crushed back by LONGSTREET, and was compelled to take refuge in Knoxville, when it was only a part of a strategic movement that gave the Federal forces time and position, and consummated the original purpose of preventing entirely a junction of LONGSTREET'S and BRAGG'S forces. While LONGSTREET was besieging BURNSIDE in Knoxville, SHERMAN, with the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Corps was marching, not rapidly, but steadily toward that place. On his approach, LONGSTREET raised the siege and made off toward the gaps, as if to make good his exit the only way possible.

Here commences a series of something, if they were not mistakes, I leave the reader to determine what they were. BURNSIDE ranked SHERMAN, and to him SHERMAN reported. There was no rivalry or improper feeling on that point, that is known. SHERMAN said his troops had marched a long distance, and were in no condition to pursue. BURNSIDE said his troops had just emerged from a severe siege, and were no better off, but, with the magnanimity of his nature, said that if he could have a part of SHERMAN'S men he would follow LONGSTREET; and SHERMAN thereupon gave him DAVIS' Division, (not really a part of his own force,) and with the Fifteenth Corps countermarched one hundred and ten miles to Chattanooga, and thence some thirty miles more to Bridgeport. The distance to where LONGSTREET could have been reached, and must have been beaten or compelled to leave actually, was considerably less. It is scarcely probable that SHERMAN'S men would have been in a worse plight had they gone forward than they were at the end of their somewhat rapid countermarch; though it is entirely true that as to subsistence and clothing they would not have been as well off, though as well off in that and every other respect as BURNSIDE'S and GRANGER'S troops—to the latter of which DAVIS' Division had been added.

BURNSIDE, with a limited force, marched out of Knoxville, in the direction of LONGSTREET, while SHERMAN, with a nearly or equal force, marched in the contrary direction, a much further distance, because, as he said, his men were too weary to pursue. Both Generals undoubtedly supposed that LONGSTREET was really making his way out of Eastern Tennessee, and that whether pursued or not he could go. In that they made a mistake, however, as the sequel showed. And here we arrive at another point, or complication, in the matter. BURNSIDE had some time before applied to be relieved, in consequence of a difference with Gen. HALLECK. Forces had for some time been trying to relieve him, and that General now appeared and took command of the department, and BURNSIDE left, but in the full belief that LONGSTREET was doing or had already done the same thing. But the wary rebel General, instead of doing that, went to intrenching. He had found a place where, with a little digging, he would be master of the situation. He had doubtless found out that SHERMAN had countermarched, and that there was no danger for him. He perceived that he was expected to go any way, of his own accord, but since there was now no occasion for doing so, he concluded he would not. Furthermore, he had got possession of a very considerable quantity of supplies which BURNSIDE had some time before collected for his own troops; and SHERMAN being gone, no superior force being in front of him, he found his situation to be as comfortable as could be expected, if not all that could be desired. It is scarcely probable that Gen. FOSTER, in concluding it would be remiss to attack LONGSTREET, misjudged. At no time was LONGSTREET'S retreat precipitate. BURNSIDE had already reported to Gen. GRANT at Chattanooga that he "was retiring with great deliberation." Still, that he would go, no one doubted, and it is presumed that Gen GRANT, having given the order to "drive LONGSTREET from Eastern Tennessee," and provided an adequate force, felt at liberty to turn his attention to matters in another direction, which gave him rest neither night nor day. I will not undertake to say what he thought when he found that SHERMAN—somewhat after the fashion of the King who, with thirty thousand men, marched up the hill and then marched down again—had come back, while LONGSTREET was yet in Eastern Tennessee, but it is fair to presume that he hoped it would be well; and, as he placed great confidence in Gen. SHERMAN, he no doubt believed it would be.

But it was not; and was not, precisely for the reasons I have related; and precisely for the same reasons the subsequent events, the present situation of affairs in Eastern Tennessee, have their origin.

But I am not looking for disaster in that quarter, although LONGSTREET may have been considerably reinforced. GRANT has been neither idle nor indifferent, even though he has been a day or two in St. Louis to see a sick child. I believe it will turn out that there is a shot in the locker not known to everybody. That he has not been able to realize everything he desired in the management of the Eastern Tennessee complication, I am certain. Gen. FOSTER, some four weeks since, on account of ill health, asked to be relieved. Gen. GRANT, though not underrating Gen. FOSTER'S capabilities, perceived the determination of having a well General there, and made a suggestion, which, if acceded to, would have relieved him of all anxiety in the premises. There were doubtless adequate reasons why the suggestion was not acceded to.

That Gen. GRANT has really no very great anxiety about Eastern Tennessee, though, for the reasons I have narrated, he has experienced a world of perplexity, is apparent from the fact that he has been steadily preparing a great enterprise in another direction. That enterprise would have been developed more than a month ago but for this Eastern Tennessee boggle. That it is not given up, though much delayed, and is about to go off, is proof that adequate provision has been made for meeting LONGSTREET, or it may be a part of that provision. I think it will so turn out.

As for JOHNSTON, with BRAGG'S old army, he will before long find out that he has all he can attend to, perhaps in a quarter he has not been expecting, if he has not already found it out; and precisely for the same causes Longstreet may soon find his position materially changed. Mr. LINCOLN tells a good, though not always respectable story as to the benefits of "counter irritation," that illustrates the idea and the situation which I do not doubt will before long be developed.

A few words about the Army of the Potomac and future movements: Gen. GRANT, and I suppose every other General who thinks at all, warmly favors the policy of concerted action, as far as possible, under one policy, as if under one mind, of all the armies in the ensuing operations. He, therefore, is not indifferent to the Army of the Potomac, which, while it has very much the quality of inertness, still, like the weight on the beam, causes it to go up or go down, according as it is moved one way or the other. It is an important element for that if for no other reason. But I believe that Gen. GRANT thinks that the Army of the Potomac has performed that office long enough, and that by doing something else, it can very materially contribute to the success of plans he has proposed and a part of which he will undertake to execute. Gen. GRANT does not agree with Gen. HALLECK that the overland route is the only one to Richmond. I believe he has expressed definite ideas on that point; and I believe furthermore, he has ventured to suggest the name of a General to be placed in command of the army when the next change takes place. It gives me great pleasure, (as no doubt in military circles at least great satisfaction will be experienced at the consummation,) to believe that there is a likelihood that the suggestion will be adopted. Certain rumors in this connection, not only as to plans and routes but as to men, which have recently found their way into print, have, I believe, have a better foundation than rumors generally. They are at least consistent with what are understood to be Gen. GRANT'S suggestions.

The "cold scald" which has been experienced lately in different parts of Gen. BUTLER'S Department, would seem to conflict with the idea that he is as really great in military movements as he confessedly is in the management of affairs in which his executive and diplomatic qualities are brought out. It is undoubtedly a fact that it is in that direction he can serve the country best, and as hardly any other man in it can. It is no discredit to him, however, that he aspires, as it is understood he does, to distinction in the field. There is some probability—at least much propriety—in the suggestion that the chivalrous Gen. HANCOCK will take the management of affairs in the old Department of North Carolina, where, just now, there is an uneasily mari. His appointment to that position would, however, deprive the reorganized Potomac Army of one of its best Corps Commanders.

RODERICK.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 13.

OFFICERS DRAWING COMMUTATION.

A report of the Secretary of War was received, in answer to a resolution relative to officers' commutation for quarters and fuel. It shows that there are three hundred and eighty-seven officers here drawing such commutation, namely: Nine Major-Generals, eighteen Brigadier-Generals, thirty-four Colonels, eighteen Lieutenant-Colonels, twenty-four Majors, one hundred and twenty-six Captains, forty-three Lieutenants, twenty-four Surgeons, twelve Assistant-Surgeons, and seventy-nine Paymasters.

IDAHO GOLD MINES.

Mr. HOWE, of Wisconsin, (Union,) presented a memorial from the Milwaukie Chamber of Commerce, representing that within a few months more than twenty-five millions of dollars have been mined in Idaho, and are waiting egress, and asking aid in the construction of a wagon road, with military protection, through Central Minnesota. Referred.

VOTERS IN WASHINGTON.

Mr. HARLAN, of Iowa, (Union,) introduced a bill for the registration of voters in Washington City. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

THE PAY OF SOLDIERS.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Union,) the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill equalizing the pay of United States soldiers.

Mr. CONNESS, of California, (Union,) withdrew his amendment confining the benefits to those in the service at the time of the passage of the act.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, (Union,) offered an amendment providing that in cases where the Secretary of War shall be satisfied that persons of color have been mustered into the service at the rate of thirteen dollars per month, they shall be paid at that rate for previous services.

Mr. GRIMES, of Iowa, (Union,) hoped that the Senator would withdraw his proposition, and that from this time forward every soldier, whatever might be his color, would receive the same pay; if any abuses or acts of injustice should arise, they could be remedied by subsequent legislation. He hoped the bill might be allowed to stand on its merits without making it retrospective.

Mr. HOWE concurred with Mr. GRIMES.

Mr. WILSON moved to strike out the clause in the bill of the committee giving colored troops the same pay, &c., except bounty, during the whole time they have been in the service, and insert "after the first day of January, 1864."

Mr. GRIMES would not withdraw his amendment without explaining that its provisions would only apply to a few regiments, and, therefore, there would be no great draft upon the treasury. He did not think that the United States could afford at this time to do injustice to the colored troops.

Mr. FESSENDEN, of Maine, (Union,) here claimed the floor, and from the Finance Committee reported certain amendments to the House Deficiency Bill. He asked that they lie over until Monday.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Maryland, (Union,) in reply to Mr. SUMNER, said: If the black men of Maryland were as good as the black men enlisted elsewhere, why make exceptions? They were all enlisted under the same law. If injustice were done according to the views of the Senator from Massachusetts, some $400,000 would be taken from the Treasury, or as he understood it, about $1,000,000. All should be paid alike. Why did not Massachusetts pay these troops herself?

Mr. FESSENDEN said he understood the pay had been offered, but the colored troops refused to receive it.

Mr. WILSON explained the circumstances under which the colored troops from Massachusetts had refused to receive their pay. They held the Government to the pledges made to them, and wanted the full pay of $13 per month, or asked to be discharged from the service.

Mr. JOHNSON said, then they were colored gentlemen of extraordinary sensibilities.

Mr. GRIMES said that from the very outset he and his colleague (HARLAN) were in favor of putting negro troops on an equality with the whites. He was on the record in this respect, before the senator from Massachusetts (SUMNER.)

Mr. SUMNER said, that in a public speech he had said, that while he was in favor of carrying the war into Africa, he was more in favor of carrying the African into the war (laughter.)

Mr. GRIMES was not only in favor of carrying the African into the war, but for paying him $13 per month, and for placing him on a footing with other soldiers. If we were going back to pay those colored troops from Massachusetts, &c., why not pay those from Tennessee? He was informed there were some thirty regiments of these troops there. He thought there was trouble in the future to be apprehended from making the retrospective character of this bill indiscriminate. He sympathized with the gallant and patriotic young men of the Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Massachusetts colored troops, but he could not help believing that it was on account of their action that the colored men of the South Carolina regiments refused to receive their pay.

Mr. COWAN, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) said, if we were going back for those colored men, he was also in favor of going back in favor of the white men who were our earliest volunteers and had borne the heat and burden of the day. He was not in favor of overruling the statute to do justice to these negro troops until equal and exact justice had been done to the veteran white soldiers. When the country should be restored to its wonted prosperity we could do justice to all. Now it is exceedingly dangerous.

The amendment of Mr. WILSON was then adopted.

The amendment of Mr. DOOLITTLE, providing, that from the monthly pay of colored troops mustered into the service in insurrectionary districts, the sum of three dollars per month shall be reserved to reimburse the expenses incurred by the United States in feeding and clothing the widows, children and parents of deceased colored troops.

This was rejected after some debate.

Mr. CARLILE, of West Virginia, (Union,) said that in the old days of peace, the Senate had holidays on every Saturday afternoon, and as all persons were equal under the law, he thought were now entitled to one. As half the afternoon has been spent in the service of the negro, he moved that the Senate adjourn. [Great laughter.]

At the instance of several Senators, Mr. CARLILE, however, withdrew his motion.

Mr. SUMNER proposed a proviso that in all cases of past services of colored troops, where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, from the actual papers of enlistment, that the troops were enlisted under the act of July, 1861, they shall be allowed the pay promised by that act.

This was rejected by yeas 16; nays 21.

Mr. COWAN offered a substitute for the bill as amended, "That from and after the passage of this act all soldiers of the United States of the same arm of the service shall receive like compensation."

Mr. COWAN supported his amendment at some length, claiming that the negro must be regarded as a citizen under the Constitution, as he received the protection of the laws.

Mr. SAULSBURY, of Delaware, (Dem.,) said if that was the basis of the Senator's (COWAN'S) substitute, it was abhorrent to his (SAULSBURY'S) views, and he would not support it. The old-fashioned form was "Negro"—now they were "colored citizens."

Mr. HOWE would ask if the negroes were not "colored" in Delaware.

Mr. SAULSBURY doubted if they were as "colored" in Delaware as they were in some other places. He would never consent to equality, either political or social, with the negro.

Mr. COWAN asserted that the negro had a legal status under the Constitution which protected him.

Pending action on the substitute of Mr. COWAN, the Senate adjourned.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

OUR ALBANY CORRESPONDENCE.

The Appropriation Bill—Expenses of the National Guard—Exciting Debate in the Assembly.

ALBANY, Saturday, Feb. 1864.

The political contest which has so excited the Senate for a few days past was to-day transferred to the floor of the Assembly.

In discussing the Appropriation Bill, a debate occurred in reference to the item of two hundred thousand dollars for the expenses of the National Guard of this State. Mr. CROOK, of Kings, said that while this sum seemed entirely inadequate, it was yet better than not to devote anything for the defence of the State, and a less sum than here proposed would not be sufficient to maintain even the skeleton of a militia organization. Mr. ALVORD thought differently. He believed this organization was of no real worth to the State. The fighting was not done by the so-called National Guard. He moved to make the appropriation only $50,000, and to apply it to paying the staff-officers of the Governor, and such expenses as were directly connected with such officers. If there was any militia organization, it should be the old organization of all the militia. He favored a return to the old plan. Mr. ALVORD, of Franklin, moved to amend by making the appropriation $100,000, with a condition that no part of the sum should be used for a regimental fund. Upon these propositions being made, Mr. CROOK rose, and made a lengthy speech in favor of the militia organization, introducing political matters which had a bearing upon the subject. He was ready to return to the old militia system, but thought there was no reason to refuse to support the present system on that account. He believed that political considerations should not be brought in to decide this question. He could pardon the Governor for having made some mistakes in appointing wrong men to carry out the provisions of the law. It was best, in his view, to sustain the militia organization, which had been of great service in various exigences which he named. He proceeded to criticise with some effect an argument bearing upon this matter which had been advanced in a speech on the Governor's Message by Mr. CURTIS, of New-York. He understood the gentleman to declare that the riots were occasioned by a contest between the "masses and the classes." This idea he entirely repudiated. It would be quite safe to arm the masses, in his view, and they would take care of themselves in case of a riot if they were armed as militia. The old Robespierian idea of a fight between the masses and the classes was not the true theory of the riots by any means. He regretted that such an idea had been advanced.

Mr. CURTIS replied, explaining that he had been misunderstood.

Mr. CROOK was positive that he had not misunderstood the gentleman from New-York.

Mr. ALVORD was glad the gentleman from New-York had declared that he was misunderstood, but would state that he, too, had understood him to intimate by his theory of the masses and the classes what his party would do as a dernier resort. Mr. ALVORD then spoke of the Militia Bill of 1862, and stated that the bill, as signed by the Governor, was not the bill which the Legislature supposed they had passed. He did not say that the bill had been changed in any respect, but it was a different law from that which the Legislature supposed they had passed.

Mr. WEAVER, of Oneida, replied to Mr. ALVORD with some bitterness, accusing him not only of repudiating a law which he had been influential in passing (law of 1862,) but also of partiality in his ruling as Speaker, in a case which he specified, and which occurred a few days since. Mr. ALVORD replied, asserting the correctness of the ruling referred to, and denouncing the course that had been pursued in various cases which he instanced, in appointing men to high military positions in the State, who had no qualifications whatever for the positions they occupy.

The debate was on the whole spicy, political and personal; and as it was the first of the kind that has occurred in the House during the session, it was especially noteworthy. Of course, under such circumstances, no conclusion was reached in reference to the question under consideration.

In response to a resolution of inquiry, the Comptroller communicated to the Senate to-day the following important information in relation to the present condition of the appropriation for State bounties to volunteers: In 1863, $1,000,000 were appropriated for the payment of said bounties, and that appropriation is now entirely exhausted. From an estimate made, it appears that the soldiers enlisted under the call for 300,000 men, made by the President in October, require an appropriation of at least $3,000,000 more. The Comptroller remarks that while these enlistments were secured by local bounties, the act offering a State bounty of $150 to volunteers and $75 to new recruits was in full force. It is supposed that the quota of this State, under the last call for 200,000, will be 40,000 men. If the State bounty shall be continued to these, a still further appropriation of $3,000,000 will be required. The money for State bounties paid thus far has been borrowed of the Commissioners of the Canal Fund on the Comptroller's bond, in anticipation of the tax authorized to be levied to pay them. A two-mill tax was authorized, A tax of 2 1-16 mills is now estimated, will be required for bounties already paid. A 2½ mill tax will be required for the call of October, and a still further 2½ mill tax for the call for 300,000 men if the State bounty is continued. The Comptroller recommends an immediate tax, as it will be difficult to borrow the money upon reasonable terms, from the fact that State bonds will be taxed, while United States bonds, with which they will have to compete in the market, will not.

The Niagara Ship Canal Company Bill occupied the attention of the Assembly on Friday evening. After the bill had been gone through with and attempts made to introduce new names among the corporators, including the names of all those who had been stricken from the bill as Directors, the bill came before the House on the question of granting the Commissioners of the Whole leave to further consider of the bill at some future time. Mr. HEALY, of Wyoming, moved to strike out the enacting clause. He expressed himself as quite ready to grant any personal favor to those who desired the passage of the bill, offering his coat, hat or boots if they desired all or any of them, but he stated that he could not favor the measure under consideration because that would be an injury to the interests of the State of New-York. He made a very effective speech against the scheme, showing that its practical operation would be to divert business from the Erie Canal, and thereby lessen the tolls on the canal as well as take away the business resulting from the Western trade from the City of New-York. Western products would go direct to Liverpool by way of Montreal.

The bill was left with this motion to strike out the enacting clause pending, and has not since been taken up.

P. D.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

ALBANY, Saturday, Feb. 13.

BILLS NOTICED.

To prohibit the sale of liquors on Sundays.

For a railroad in Thirty-fourth and other streets in New-York.

To provide for the registration of deaths in towns and counties.

For the protection of oysters planted in Harlem River.

For the better regulation of the State Inebriate Asylum.

Amending the charter of the Hudson and Harlem River Canal Company.

A communication was here received from the Comptroller informing the Senate that the fund for State bounties is exhausted.

Sundry local bills were ordered to a third reading, when the Senate adjourned till Monday evening.

ASSEMBLY.

ALBANY, Saturday, Feb. 13.

REPORTS.

To amend the charter of Syracuse.

Against dividing the Eighth and Ninth Wards, Brooklyn. Agreed to.

Legalizing Brooklyn Volunteer Bonds.

Incorporating the New-York Land and Drainage Company.

Relative to a jail and penitentiary in Kings County.

Against amending the License Law. Agreed to.

Against amending the act in relation to the Brooklyn firemen. Agreed to.

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A communication was here received from the Comptroller, informing the Senate that the fund for State bounties is exhausted.

The special order being the General Appropriation Bill, it was considered in Committee of the Whole.

Upon the item appropriating $250,000 to the militia, a debate sprung up, taking a wide range. It went into the merits of the organization, the political complexion of the Governor's military appointments, and the faults of the National Guard Act of 1862.

The Speaker and Messrs. CROOKE, WEAVER and CURTIS participated in the discussion.

Mr. CURTIS introduced a bill for a railroad in Bedfordsse and other streets in New-York.

STATE BOUNTY TO VOLUNTEERS.

Comptroller ROBINSON, in answer to a resolution of the Senate, calling for information in regard to bounties for volunteers, sent in the following communication:

STATE OF NEW-YORK, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, ALBANY, Feb. 13, 1864.

To the Hon. the Senate:

In complying with the request contained in your resolution, I have to inform the Senate that the act chapter 164 of the Laws of 1863, appropriated $1,000,000 for the payment of bounties to volunteers, and that the appropriation has to-day become entirely exhausted; and the payment of State bounties must therefore cease unless immediate provision for their continuance be made by the Legislature.

From an estimate which I have received from the Paymaster-General, I learn that the number of volunteers enlisted since the call of the President for 300,000 men, in October last, will be sufficient to require another appropriation of $3,000,000. These enlistments were mainly secured by means of large local bounties and the energetic efforts of the people; but the act offering a State bounty of $150 to veterans and $75 to new recruits, remained in full force, and the volunteers were assured that they "would receive the benefit of it, and the Paymaster-General is, consequently, prepar it to them, the same as to those enlisted before the October call.

It will, of course, be for the Legislature to determine whether, after having legalized the local bounties, and authorized a continuance of them, the State bounty shall also be paid to volunteers under the new call for an additional 300,000 men. It is supposed that the quota of the State, under the last call, will be about 40,000 men. If the State bounty be paid to them, it will require a still further appropriation of $3,000,000. If this be ordered and provided for, it will make $9,000,000 paid and to be paid by and from the State Treasury, for bounties, during the past and present year; and, added to the $3,000,000 paid in 1862, will make $12,000,000, besides the large amount paid by the several cities, towns and counties.

The bounty of 1862 provided for the levying of a two mill tax on so much thereof as the Comptroller might find necessary. However, upon consultation with the Paymaster-General previous to sending out the tax circulars on the 1st of October last, it was deemed safe and proper to limit the tax to one mill and 11-16, as it did not at that time appear probable that more than about two-thirds of the appropriation would be used. The subsequent unexpected call of the President, and the great and successful exertions made to procure volunteers, have rendered both the appropriation and the tax largely deficient.

In my annual report, I estimated the rate of tax for ordinary purposes for the next fiscal year at 2 13-16 mills upon each dollar of valuation. This estimate nothing for future bounties, nor for any extraordinary expenditure; and it will require an additional levy of 2½ mills to pay the State bounties already placed, and still another 2½ mills if the State bounty shall be continued to volunteers under the new call.

This would place the whole taxation at the unprecedented rate of 7 13-16 mills even if the Legislature should abolish from every expenditure not absolutely necessary, and should observe the most rigid economy in all its appropriations.

The $3,000,000 paid under the act of 1862 has been borrowed from the Commissioners of the Canal Fund upon the Comptroller's bonds in anticipation of the tax. It will be necessary to borrow temporarily from some other source until further enactment shall be approriated in anticipation of any tax that may now be levied, as the money will be required immediately.

I beg leave earnestly to recommend that a tax be levied at once to cover whatever appropriations shall be made.

It would, in my judgment, be very unwise in the present condition of financial affairs to attempt to make loans to be paid at a distant day, and probably it would be impossible to do so at any reasonable rate, as our stocks would come in competition with those of the United States, which are exempt from taxation, and the interest on which is paid in coin.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS ROBINSON, Comptroller.

FOURTEENTH AND DEGRESSES STREETS RAILROAD.

Mr. CURTIS bill names as corporators in the above Company E. F. Rose, Geo. Betes, Thos. E. Stewart, E. Bangs, R. W. Johnson, W. A. Boyd, Theo. Allen, C. H. Kitchell, J. L. Hastie, M. Wickham, J. J. Flanagan, W. H. Story, H. W. Carey, Albert Shaw and Jas. McQuade, and empowers them to construct a railroad with a single or double track along the following streets: Commencing at the North River, foot of Dedrosses street, thence along to Greenwich to Spring, through Spring to Macdougal-street to Fourth-street, through Fourth-street to Second-avenue, through the latter to Fourteenth-street along to the East River; returning along Fourteenth-street, through First-avenue to Third-street, through Third to Great Jones and Amity to Sullivan street, through Sullivan-street to Spring to Washington street, and through Washington to Dedrosses street.

The said road to be completed in two years from the passage of this act.

Adjourned.

From St. Louis.—Reconstruction in Tennessee.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Saturday, Feb. 13.

Mr. JOHNSON, of St. Louis, Chairman of the committee to investigate into the military affairs of this State, made a lengthy and very elaborate report to the lower house of the Legislature yesterday.

The Memphis Bulletin publishes a card signed by 300 of the best citizens of that city, addressed to the people of Tennessee, upon the subject of the reorganization of the State, and reestablishing relations with the National Government. It recommends immediate and unconditional emancipation as the best, truest policy and only alternative, and calls upon all to support the cause by meeting at Memphis on the 22d instant.

—The announcement of the death of HORACE WEMPLE, LL. D., in one of the evening papers, was without foundation. That gentleman presided at the Junior Exhibition of the New-York Free Academy, held at the Cooper Institute last evening, apparently in good health.

INTERESTING FROM EUROPE.

THE PALMERSTON-O'KANE SCANDAL CASE.

The Escape of the Rebel Pirate Rappahannock.

Prosecution of the Chief-Engineer of Sheerness Dockyard.

Comments of the English Press on American Topics.

Descriptive Details of the English Iron-Clads.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS, FASHIONS, ETC.

The following extracts from our late European files present much of general interest:

THE PALMERSTON-O'KANE SCANDAL.

Correspondence of the Manchester Examiner.

LONDON, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1864.

The Divorce Court was crowded this morning by members of the Bar and of the legal profession, amongst whom it had transpired that a motion was to be made in the great divorce case O'KANE ex. O'KANE and PALMERSTON. Under any circumstances, the public curiosity would have been vividly excited by the first appearance in court of this celebrated suit, but there was the more eagerness to hear what was said and done on this occasion as it was believed that it was the only opportunity we should have, at all events, so far as the noble correspondent's share in the matter. The latter idea was wrong, as will be seen; but still it prevailed, and, as doubtless, had the effect I have mentioned. Before I notice what occurred, it may be interesting to state exactly the present position of the case, and the state of the pleadings. These did not come out very fully in the course of the proceedings to-day, but the following account may be relied upon as correct:

The following is a copy of the petition:

In Her Majesty's Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.

In the matter of THOMAS JOSEPH O'KANE, of No. 21 Inverness road, Bayswater, in the County of Middlesex, gentleman, dated the 15th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1863.

Showeth, 1. That your petitioner, on the 21 of October, 1861, lawfully married to MARGARET MATILDA AUGUSTA MORRIS, of No. 9 John-street, Sutton-street, Commercial road East, in the County of Middlesex, spinster, at St. George's-in-the-East, in the said County of Middlesex.

2. That after his said marriage your petitioner lived and cohabited with his said wife, at No. 2 John-street, Sutton-street, Commercial road East aforesaid; at Gravesend, in the County of Kent; at Dungarvan, Kilkenny and Tralee, all in the County of Kerry, in Ireland; and at No. 28 Grove-place, Brompton, in the County of Middlesex; and that there was issue to the marriage, viz.: one son and four daughters.

That on or about the 15th day of June, 1859, and at divers other days and times, the said Viscount PALMERSTON, did, in the said County of Middlesex, and at divers other places, the said MARGARET MATILDA AUGUSTA O'KANE committed adultery with one HENRY JOHN TEMPLE, Viscount PALMERSTON, K. G., First Lord of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that this honorable court will be pleased to decree and declare the said marriage of your petitioner and the said MARGARET MATILDA AUGUSTA O'KANE to be dissolved. And that your petitioner may have such other and further relief in the premises as to the Judicial Committee may seem fit. And your petitioner claims twenty thousand pounds damages against the said HENRY JOHN TEMPLE, Viscount PALMERSTON, K. G., First Lord of Her Majesty's Treasury.

And your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

TIMOTHY JOSEPH O'KANE.

The respondent, Mrs. O'KANE, answered this petition, on the 1st day of November, by a denial, both of the adultery and of the marriage. The noble co-respondent did not answer, but instead of doing so, he took a preliminary step, on the 17th of November last, obtained in chambers an order that the petitioner should specify the place and mode in which the marriage (vaguely alleged as having been performed at "St. George's," apparently meaning in the parish of St. George-in-the-East) was celebrated, and also the places and times in which the adultery was committed. With this order the petitioner did not comply, and took no further step in the suit. Under these circumstances, Mr. SERGEANT was moved on behalf of Mrs. O'KANE for an order to compel the petitioner to bring in the particulars directed, or for a rule to show cause why the petition should not be taken off the file because Mr. O'KANE had not prosecuted it with reasonable diligence and apparent *bona fides*. The petitioner—although, no doubt, he had notice of the nature of the motion—did not appear, nor, so far as I could learn, were any of the numerous bar present engaged on his behalf. Indeed, it is believed that counsel have never been retained on his behalf at all. The noble co-respondent did not appear formally—indeed, he had no opportunity of doing so, on a proceeding of this kind. But the able and acute practitioner, Dr. SPINKS, who has long

greatness that all the parties to the suit will be found to belong to the "dishes of society."

BRITISH AID TO THE REBELLION.

THE RAPPAHANNOCK—PROSECUTION OF ENGINEER RUMBLE BY GOVERNMENT.

From the European Times, Feb. 1.

Mr. WILLIAM RUMBLE, Engineering Inspector of machinery at Her Majesty's dockyard of Sheerness, was charged on Saturday, on an information with two distinct offences of the Foreign Enlistment Act; first, in having, without the leave of the Crown, fitted out, equipped, or prepared to be fitted out, the Rappahannock, with intent that she might be employed in the service of the Confederate States of America, to commit hostilities against the United States of America, the secondly, in hiring or procuring divers persons to enlist in the service of the Confederate States. Mr. HARGREAVES, in opening the case on the part of the Crown, said that in the latter part of July, a vessel, no longer suitable for Her Majesty's service, called the Victor, was sold by the Government to merchants of the City of London, named COLMAN and PRAEGER, after the usual public tender. Repairs and alterations of a *prima facie* innocent character were effected in the dockyard at Sheerness, in effecting which Mr. RUMBLE took a leading part; but matters subsequently occurred which showed that, if not from the commencement of these works, at all events from a very early period, he must have been aware of the purpose to which it was intended to put the vessel. Being in a condition quite unfit to go to sea, suddenly, on the night of the 6th of November, the vessel, which had been renamed the *Stynie*, sailed from Sheerness, and either at the Nore, or somewhere before reaching Calais, that name was painted out, and a new one, the *Rappahannock*, substituted. The English and officers declared the ship to be a Confederate war-of-war, and invited those on board to sign articles. Mr. RUMBLE went over to Calais, showed himself in constant communication with the parties on board the Rappahannock, and engaged men to go out from England to serve in various capacities in that vessel. If the above were facts, which was the case of a man bearing the Queen's commission, and was engaging in transactions grossly violating his allegiance, and injuring the nation of which he was a citizen. Witnesses were then examined in support of this statement. Several persons, of respectable character, and accountants, said they had been either engaged by Mr. RUMBLE, or engaged in that gentleman's presence, for services on board the ship, which, as appeared from the general evidence, was in a very incomplete state when she left Sheerness for Calais. Three of these witnesses gave their evidence in a very unsatisfactory manner. One O'Reilly, who described himself as an accoutrement shipping-agent, whose business it was to procure seamen for American vessels, said that in November, understanding that there was a vessel at Sheerness requiring his services, he went there, but found she had gone. He accosted Mr. RUMBLE, saying that he knew some good men who wanted to go in the *Scylla*. Mr. RUMBLE said he was too late, but asked could the witness get good men, adding that about twenty would be required. He referred witness to Mr. COLMAN's office, No. 9 Clements-lane, Lombard-street, for particulars, and on the Sunday following saw him there. Mr. RUMBLE said: "There is nothing doing at present, but if you call again Mr. PRAEGER will put you know." On the Tuesday after he again saw him, and said, "Mr. RUMBLE, I understand you are coming men over; there are some wanted for last night." To which Mr. RUMBLE replied, "I have nothing to do with the ship now; it was bought by Mr. COLMAN from Mr. PRAEGER. Mr. PRAEGER is a bankrupt, and cannot make a purchase; but, as they are brothers-in-law, Mr. COLMAN purchased this ship for him." Witness then asked who had to do with the ship. He said, "Capt. CAMPBELL, then in Calais." Witness said, "I have a good mind to go over and see Capt. CAMPBELL," and Mr. RUMBLE replied, "Well, I would go if I were you," rather in a hesitating tone. Witness rejoined, "I will go if I can raise the money," and defendant said, "Why don't you go?" They then parted. Witness went that night to Calais, and next morning went alongside the ship *Rappahannock*; she had no colors hoisted. At 11 o'clock the same day, alongside the *Rappahannock*, witness saw Mr. RUMBLE in company with Mr. RAMSAY, the chief officer of the ship. He asked *me* (said the witness) what I was doing there. *I said I came according to his advice. He said, "Now, are you honest?" I said, "Certainly."* He observed, pointing to Mr. RAMSAY, "This is the man who got me into all this trouble." I said, "There is no more trouble now; she is in a French port." He said, "Right; now we don't care who knows it." He then said to Mr. RAMSAY, "This is the man that can find us a crew." Mr. RAMSAY said, "He had better see the First Lieutenant." I said, "No, I want to see Capt. CAMPBELL himself." The witness described his meeting with Capt. CAMPBELL, who told him he should want a crew for six weeks; and next deposed to the following conversation, as having been originated by Mr. RUMBLE: He said, "Now, can I depend upon you?" I said, "Certainly." He said, "We thought you belonged to the other party." I told him, "No, I belong to no party." He then said, "She will want 40 men." I said, "More like 140." He remarked, "This is a money-making affair." I said, "I know it is, if it is properly worked." He said, "We will work together." I said, "Certainly, share and share alike." He then inquired, "What are you going to do now?" I said, "I am going to London by the next train." He said, "Mind my business is done." He said, "It is done; leave everything else to me." And he promised to meet me at PRAEGER's office at 10 o'clock on Saturday. I went to Mr. PRAEGER's office, but I did not see Mr. RUMBLE there or again till today. I was taken ill on the following Sunday, and continued very ill for three weeks. He gave me a sovereign just before I left Calais. Cross-examined: When he gave me the sovereign I told him that I had nine children. I also told him that I was very poor. I have been a shipping-master for American ships since 1853. After seeing Mr. RUMBLE I stayed in Sheerness till 2 o'clock; during the interval I telegraphed. I should not know the place again, nor yet the name of the person to whom I telegraphed; I believe it was to a Mr. GIFFARD. I got no answer. I was accompanied by a friend, a London pilot. I do not remember his name. In speaking to Mr. RUMBLE I did not give my own name. I gave him that of "Williams." I never previously passed by any other false name. I saw they were using shams, and I thought I might as well use a sham as another. I borrowed the money to go to Calais from a friend, and am not obliged to give his name. Suppose it was from "my uncle." Being pressed on this point, the witness said he would not answer. Being directed to do so by the Bench, he said it was "a Mr. NUNN, a clerk in the city, living in Westbourne-square." Mr. GIFFARD: When first, if ever, did you have any conversation with persons connected with the United States of America? The witness fenced with this question, and the evasive answer which he returned was not taken down. The question being repeated, he said he had been in constant communication with the authorities of the United States since 1853; the nature of his business was such as to require it. He was not connected with the United States Consul, or any of the American authorities when he went on this mission to Sheerness. He went simply as a shipper of seamen for American ships, and not in any way in relation to a supposed equipping of a Confederate ship. First got into communication with the members of her Majesty's Government on that day fortnight.

The prosecution closed at this point, and Mr. GIFFARD addressed the Bench for the defence, contending that no infringement of the Foreign Enlistment Act had been committed by this client. His learned friend conveniently overlooked the fact that the Government had sold the vessel to the very parties to whom Mr. RUMBLE, in perfect good faith, was giving such slight assistance as was habitually afforded in every city of the great shipping ports. And it must be borne in mind that everything done toward getting out the vessel prior to her departure from Sheerness was done under the eyes of all the Government officials in the dockyard. After the vessel reached France it had, indeed, been shown that Mr. RUMBLE still took an interest in her; but this was intelligible as soon as it was mentioned that, from considerations of personal friendship toward the owners of the *Scylla*, Mr. RUMBLE had become guarantee for the payment of tradesmen in Sheerness, with whom that owner had been dealing. His object in proceeding to Calais was simply to procure the money for which he had thus made himself liable. At the outside, all that could be entertained against his credit was suspicion, and he had the Bench to set against suspicion of that nature the high reputation Mr. RUMBLE had always maintained. Mr. RUMBLE had an explanatory statement of the circumstances involved in his connection with the *Scylla*, and expressly contradicted many statements of the witnesses for the prosecution, more particularly those made by O'KELLY.

The case was sent for trial before the Court of Queen's Bench. Bail was accepted.

AMERICAN TOPICS.

ANGLO-MORMON COMMENTS ON THE RISE OF CHARLESTON AS AN AMERICAN ORDNANCE.

The Richmond Correspondent of the London *Times*, under date of Dec. 31, writes:

"It is a singular commentary upon the brilliant engineering capacity of Gen. Gillmore, of which so much has been said in Northern journals, that after four of the costliest siege, on record, and after hundreds of thousands and the expenditure of millions of ammunition, he has advanced not a single step, nor, so far as we know, has he even attempted to open a parallel. It will appear, indeed, probable that before the battle of Secessionville it was competent for the Federals to establish batteries as near to the heart of the City of Charleston as is the situation of their present batteries on Morris Island at Cummings Point. It should be understood by your readers that there is an Island, called after the Stono River, to the west of Secessionville, a church, which lies at a distance of precisely four and a half miles from St. Michael's Church, in the centre of Charleston. This church was occupied by the Federals before the battle of Secessionville in June of last year. It was again occupied by them before their attack on Battery Wagner, on the 16th of July of the current year. Upon the 16th of last July the Confederates attacked the Federal garrison which held the church in question, and, inasmuch as the garrison consisted almost entirely of black troops, little difficulty was experienced by the Confederates in recovering the position. At the same moment Battery Wagner, just across, was doing desperate fighting and sustaining, which resulted at the end of 58 days in landing him at a point equi-distant from Charleston with that which he had evacuated almost without a struggle on the 18th of July, 1863. It will readily be believed that since July the Confederates have not been idle in providing against the danger of this point falling again into Federal hands. I am assured that all sciences of defensive warfare have been exhausted in securing Sullivan's and Sullivan's Islands from the possibility of successful attack. There is, I have little reason to doubt, but one possible avenue by which the Federals can indulge the venom of the Yankee Monthly, so often shed and projected against Charleston, and enable the writers in its pages to see the ruins of that hated city with salt. It will be by landing 50,000 men on the South Carolina coast, by seizing upon the Charleston and Savannah Railroad and advancing along it upon the doomed city. It may be imagined, before such an attempt can be successful, what an amount of labor, time and money it will exact. Any other Government on earth, save that which has attempted to canalize the Mississippi, and to secure its free navigation by supplying fresh steamers upon its waters quicker than they can be burnt up by the enemy, would be aghast at the unpalatable magnitude of such a task as employing the requisite transportation for this enterprise, and retaining the necessary equipment despite Bilious Bend and Port Royal. Vengeance is doubtless swift, as Boston has to say unto other city on earth, but generations yet unborn will wince under their experience of the burden laid on their shoulders by such man as Mr. EVERETT. It needs but the folly of a few additional enterprises like the attempted capture of Charleston by land to make the burden heavier than future generations can bear.

"It seems to me that whenever and if ever reasonable men and entirely sensible heart sleep in Boston and New-York, the siege of Charleston, as undertaken by the Federals, will be looked on as one of the most stupendous follies ever witnessed upon earth. In order to attain to such a success as is involved in the shelter to throw Greek fire into Charleston from a distance of four miles and a half, and in order to stop a great port of entry for blockade-runners, a sum of money has been devised which would purchase the whole State of South Carolina. It is probably known in England long before this time that the Greek fire is not more formidable than a child's Christmas crackers; it will probably be known hereafter that Charleston, as a port of entry for blockade-running vessels, will do as much business in 1864 as she did in 1862. But, putting spite, venom and vengeance out of the question, I believe that never upon earth was an enterprise undertaken in which the object sought possessed a value so disproportionate to the price which it exacted for its attainment. The payment of this price by the Federals, unrewarded though it has hitherto been by any encouraging success, is the measure, not of the value which they attach to the possession of the City of Charleston in ruins, but of the grudge which, ever since the days of Andrew Jackson, the Northern States, and preeminently New-England, have nursed and cherished against the home of 'nullification,' the cradle of secession.

"Again I feel tempted to raise a warning voice about the disparity of the armament on board of the English and American navies. It is impossible for those who have been many months absent from England to be well informed as to the actual state of public opinion at the present moment upon this vital subject. But, judging from the officers of Her Majesty's Navy who have at rare intervals brought vessels of war into Confederate ports, it appears still to be held that the 68-pounder, or 8-inch smooth-bore, is England's best weapon of offence against iron-clad vessels. The experience gained at Charleston enables me confidently to affirm that as well might you pelt one of the Yankee monitors or the *Ironsides* with peas as expect them to be in any way damaged by 8-inch shot. Another disagreeable question forces itself upon an Englishman's attention when he is cognizant of the terrible broadside thrown by the eight 11-inch guns of the *Ironsides*—one of the most formidable broadsides, in the opinion of the defenders of Charleston, which has ever been thrown by any vessel upon earth. Have we any ship in existence which could successfully resist such a broadside, and respond to it with anything like commensurate weight and vigor? I should be faithless to my duty if I did not mention that it is the universal opinion of all the English officers serving in the Confederate army with whom I have conversed that England is behind America in the weight and power of the guns sent by both nations to sea. It is still a matter of the greatest surprise to those who are cognizant of the endless experiments in guns and projectiles which are every day made by the Federal and Confederate States that England has not thought it worth her while to attach to the armies of both nations such a commission as McCLELLAN had in the Crimean War, with a view to their gaining such scientific information with regard to ordnance and projectiles as at this moment can be gained nowhere else on earth. It is my conviction that from both sections such commissioners would receive nothing but courteous and unreserved information upon all that is important for them to know. It is scarcely creditable to our Government that they should be blind to the opportunities for gaining information which this gigantic conflict affords, or that from Old World pride they should refuse to avail themselves of the experience to be derived from a continent destined henceforth and evermore to play no secondary part in the drama of the world."

THE TRUTH CONFESSED.

From the London Times.

When Mr. M. GIBSON gives his unreserved and unqualified homage to the Federal cause, he knows not of how much of a sort is his wisdom and that of the "model Republic," as it used to be called the other day. The United States were a system complete in itself; a new world disclaiming all affinity and sympathy with the old; a new bond of union that was to destroy all other nations, and absorb their materials. The new volcano was to burst out the heart of the ancient mountain, and rear its uniform geometrical cone to the skies. Wherever, by inevitable chance, the new creation came in contact with the old, with old feelings, old rights, old habits, old opinions, there was no compromise, no joining of the broken bones, no healing of the sore, but simply life, health and universal extension to the new, and defiance, destruction, confusion, abolition, extermination, death to the old. Truth and justice are the common ground and mean between all nations, but not between the United States and the rest of the world. In all differences the only measure of their demands was, what they were likely to get by playing on the fears, or the scruples of other States. Their territorial maxim had no other reason than the will of the tyrant. Their future was terrible, gigantic, universal, crushing and overwhelming, till the vision itself became an incubus, and thoughtful men began to see that if this was the American future, then America had not future. Such was the Republic in its unbroken "integrity," as Mr. M. GIBSON calls it. This was the dream which began to frighten the Old World, and which Mr. M. GIBSON thinks it most unreasonable that the Southern States should contemplate with dismay. It was the dream of an Alnaschar, which he himself dispelled with a kick. The Southerners were daily told of a universal organization in which the sovereign will of a majority should override all Constitutions, all international law, all institutions, every right and interest that stood in its way. They dreaded, and it must be said they might justly dread, the full brunt of that tyranny which they had long known, and which, no doubt, they had helped to create, but which now they saw about to be turned upon themselves. Can we, who know the utter unscrupulousness and the boundless aggressiveness of American politics, wonder at the apprehensions of those who found they were speedily to be done by as they had done, and that when the balance of power passed from the South to the North, the South would find it was to be trodden under foot?

Mr. M. GIBSON clings to this compact and uniform scheme of universal federation, a tyrant majority, and general assimilation of habits and opinions. He hopes it may still be realized, or, if not quite in our time, yet put again in the way to be realized. The calamities of the States are a loss to us he says, and if we don't feel ourselves about them it is from apathy towards the sufferings of our own people. The Confederates, too, he says, have betrayed the blackness of their policy, and made a glory of their shame. They have avowed that they intended, and still intend, to establish a mighty Slave-Republic, which shall restore Slavery and perpetuate it to all time. For this matter, the Confederates have had no choice but to set up a positive policy, for it would have been impossible otherwise to conduct the war and maintain a standing ground in the opinion of mankind. As to the feelings of this country, it is true, we are not justified in regarding with exultation or satisfaction so terrible a calamity as that which has befallen so many millions of our own race. Nobody of common feeling does hear of the mutual slaughter and other sufferings entailed by the war without commiseration. But while the Republic was overtopping and overshadowing us, while it stretched its limbs and raised its tones to the scale of a giant, it was impossible but that our sympathy should be weakened. We feel for men; not for giants, for monsters, for madmen, for those altogether out of our rank and species. But grant that the commercial injury is great, and that the general derangement of trade threatens to inflict even more serious injuries, yet it is impossible to prevent political considerations from intruding themselves, and even making a set-off the other way. Mr. M. GIBSON cannot, surely, demand from us that we should abandon with the United States to certain their "integrity," or now receive it, so as to make a vast political unity of the kind Mr. BANCROFT describes! That would be to wish our own abasement and our own destruction. Does he think that, merely in the interest of philanthropy and commercial prosperity, we wish all the continent of Europe to become settled under our government, and be administered by our majority or one man? Where should we be in that case? Where would Europe itself be? Yet few can doubt that Europe would use its aggregate power more justly and more generously than a vast American federation. England does not wish the dismission of its neighbors, as long as they abstended its neighbors; but it cannot possibly help wishing the dismission of those who are uniting with a view to universal dominion or ascendancy. But this is the fear nightmare, which Mr. M. GIBSON scarcely allows to appear in his very pretty picture of the world as it should be. Glibly and dapperly he gathers us into a circle, and joins us hand in and, telling us we have nothing to do but to hug and smile at every one do as he pleases, and make one another happy. We are only to dance round him, keeping our hands well behind, and doing what everybody else wants us to do. Why should not so pleasant an occupation last forever, and who so wicked as to be glad when it stopped? But, unfortunately, the game which Mr. M. GIBSON laments to see so rudely interrupted was one in which not only the Southern States of America, but England, and eventually all nations, were not a sport according to their nature and principles. They were to be crushed, absorbed and reduced to a moral subjection worse than slavery itself. Even if the Southerners and the British public are mistaken in this view of the case, this, and not mere envy and jealousy, makes them acquiesce in American disunion.

ANOTHER SINGULAR REQUEST—WILL MR. LINCOLN ACCEDE TO IT?

In the Vice-Chancellor's Court, on Thursday, the case of NEW v. BONAKER was heard. The question arose under the will of two brothers named GEORGE and ISAAC BONAKER. GEO. BONAKER, stating that he was about to leave for America, gave to his brothers ISAAC and BENJAMIN, and one other person $4,000 and $1,000 Virginia Stock, and $8,000 United States Stock, which he then held, and took money as his executor, which he never under a certain policy, and ready money and securities for money, in trust, to invest and hold with the other stock, and to pay the dividends to his brothers and his two sisters for life equally, and after the decease of the survivor he gave the principal to the President and Vice-President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania respectively for the time being, to be by them holden upon trust to invest $2,000 in the purchase of freehold land in Pennsylvania and the rents and interest of the remainder of the stock to invest in other stock in the nature of compound interest until the sum should amount to $100,000, and to apply the sum with the said estate and interest to be purchased, in endowing a college for the instruction of youth in the State of Pennsylvania; and it was his will that moral philosophy be taught therein, and a Professor engaged who should inculcate and advocate the natural rights of the black people of every clime and country until they be restored to an equality in civil rights with their white brethren throughout the Union. ISAAC BONAKER by his will declared that the money, securities, and the residue of his estate and effects, real and personal, to the trustees of the free grammar school at Evesham for the benefit of the school. ISAAC, being the representative of BONAKER and MARY, made the above bequest, and BENJAMIN and the sisters being dead, the mayor and burgesses of Evesham corresponded with the objects of the charitable gifts in America in the will of GEORGE, and addressed a memorial, the result being that the Attorney-General in America was consulted, and he was of opinion that the bequests could not be endorsed, and should not be if it would, being of doubtful validity; and this was followed by a direct refusal from the American Ambassador, Mr. DALLAS, who declined the gift. Trustees had been appointed under the Evesham school, and the syndics of the corporation to prove ISAAC's will, filed this bill (making the Attorney-General a party) to administer ISAAC's ISAAC's estate, and to declare the trusts of the will of GEORGE BONAKER. After some discussion, it was agreed that at present nothing could be done but to direct accounts and inquiries. His Honor expressed a doubt whether the mere repudiation of a trust did away with the trust, and directed accounts and inquiries as to whether the charitable purposes of GEORGE's will were void; whether the President and Vice-President of the United States had accepted the trust, and whether such objects were or were not legal; and whether, according to the law of Pennsylvania, they were capable of being carried into effect.

THE ENGLISH IRON-CLADS.

From the London Times.

At the commencement of each year we have to record some change, and generally some improvement, in the design and construction of our future fleet of iron-clads. Cautiously, by slow but very sure degrees, do we at last seem to be attaining perfection in the models which each season brings forth; and the reconstruction of our navy is now going steadily and promises even to go quickly forward. It has certainly not been from lack of advice that the Admiralty has not achieved this gratifying resultlessly before. It reflects no small credit on the Committee of Naval Officers, and on the Commissioners of consulting counsellors, such perfect designs as those for the Black Prince and Warrior were first given to the world, and that in form and size, and speed, though not in strength, they were enabled again to improve upon these with the *Northumberland*, the *Agincourt* and the *Minotaur*. But in the vessels ordered for this year we have in most cases *almost a total change from all that have gone before*. The experience gained in the construction and sailing of these ponderous craft has gradually developed certain general rules and principles which were at first supposed to be diametrically in opposition to all plans for armor-plated sea-going ships. Thus, then, in the new ships we no longer find the list restricted to vessels of 5,000, 6,000 or 7,000 tons and upward, but learn gladly that we are at last to have such much needed craft as small sloops, of less than 1,000 tons, built of wood, yet carrying their batteries encased in 4½ inches of solid iron. It was thought impossible two years ago to build such vessels, and even now it sounds strange to hear of 900-ton ships coated with 4½ inch armor, such, in fact, as the *Enterprise* sloop will be when launched next month from Deptford. The *Research*, just launched at Pembroke, is another of the same class. She is a sloop of only 1,250 tons, yet is coated from end to end with Warrior plates, and her first trip round from Milford set at rest whatever doubts might till then have been entertained as to the perfect seaworthiness of these small vessels, covered with such ponderous plating. There was a heavy gale blowing when she left Milford, which the *Research* was able to face easily, though the *Geyser*, a wooden paddle frigate, sent to escort her, could not, and was obliged to ride it out at anchor in the haven. The *Research* came round by sea at an average speed of 10½ knots, through rough water, proved herself light and buoyant, turning quickly and rolling easily. Yet this sloop, which is only of 1,250 tons, and draws no more than 14 feet of water, is more completely plated than even the *Warrior*, and will throw a broadside equal in weight to that of the renowned iron frigate. The changes in our principles of construction which these vessels mark so strongly have all been effected by Mr. REED, the new Chief Constructor to the Navy, who was the earliest to deny the necessity for such gigantic ships as those of the *Northumberland* class, and to point out that there was no nautical or scientific reason why, with certain modifications of design, small corvettes and even sloops and gunboats should not be strongly protected as the largest frigate. Fortunately, as it seems from the success of the new vessel, the *Research*, the Admiralty have in a great measure adopted Mr. REED's plans, and have decided to let him carry them out after his own manner; and 10 new iron-clads, of all sizes, and to answer various purposes, are now building, and some nearly built. These vessels are the *Enterprise*, sloop, 4 guns, 900 tons builders' measurement, 160 horse-power; the *Research*, sloop, 1,250 tons, 7 guns, and 300 horse-power; the *Favorite*, corvette, 2,372 tons, 8 guns, and 400 horse-power; the *Pallas*, 2,372 tons, 8 guns, and 600 horse-power; the *Zealous*, 3,715 tons, 16 guns, and 800 horse-power; the *Lord Clyde* and the *Lord Warden*, sister ships, each 4,067 tons, 22 guns, and 1,000 horse-power; and the *Bellerophon*, 4,246 tons, 12 guns, and 1,000 horse-power. Of these eight ships the *Enterprise* was originally designed as a wooden sloop, named the *Corsair*, and so also with the *Research*, *Favorite*, and *Zealous* respectively a wooden sloop, corvette, and frigate actually in frame, which Mr. REED had to adapt as he best could; and the forms of these, therefore, he contends are not such as he entirely approves for iron-going vessels, especially in the shape of the bows, which are much too fine beneath not to render them liable to pitch. The *Lord Warden* and the *Lord Clyde*, the *Pallas* and the *Bellerophon*, are entirely from stem to stern of Mr. REED's design. The two former are improvements on vessels of the *Royal Oak* class; the two latter are quite new, both in principle of construction, and in the purpose they are intended to fulfill, and it is of them especially that we wish to speak as the finest samples of our new iron-clads. The *Bellerophon* is in point of strength intended to be a monster among these monsters, to be in fact, as terrible an assailant to iron-clads as an iron-clad would be to wooden ships. The object with which this vessel is designed is, in case of another great naval war, to avoid a repetition of the long dreary work of blockading an enemy's fleet by wearisome and dangerous cruising off the mouth of harbors. The *Bellerophon* is to be a vessel of such strength and speed and tremendous weight of guns as, in case of an enemy's iron fleet running into port, she can follow them with impunity, and at long range fight them at their mourings, till the elements drive them out to sea. Specially built for the discharge of such peculiarly arduous duties, it is almost needless to say how carefully every point in her equipment has been considered; and as Mr. PEAKE undertakes that her speed shall equal her strength, there seems to be very little doubt but that, with her impenetrable sides and her armament of ten 300-pounders and two 600-pounders, she will be the most formidable seagoing frigate the world has yet seen. The length of this vessel is to be 300 feet, and her breadth 56 feet; her tonnage will be 4,246 tons, her displacement 7,053 tons; and though carrying the heaviest armor and armament ever sent afloat, her draft will be only 21 feet forward and 26 feet aft, less than the draft of ordinary two-deckers. The height of her lowest portholes from the water will be 9½ feet, the distance between the guns 15 feet, and the height between decks 7 feet. Her midship section is smaller than that of the *Warrior*, and to that extent, therefore, she will be easier to steam and sail. She is to have four masts—only the first square-rigged, the three others carrying immense fore and aft sails, a rig from which the French have got such admirable results with their iron frigates under canvass. In the engines of the *Bellerophon* it is hoped to effect a great improvement as regards the consumption of coal. The *Black Prince*, which is now the fastest ocean steamer afloat, burns at the rate of 4½ pounds of coal per indicated horse power per hour; and on her trial trip, with her screw going 54 revolutions, she did 15¾ knots an hour, and can be depended on, at sea, to average as high as 13. In the *Bellerophon*, however, it is hoped, by working with superheated steam furnace, condensation and expansion, to reduce the consumption of coal to 2¼ pounds per indicated horse power per hour. If this great result be effected, she will carry 16 days' fuel, instead of nine, and if, as is expected, Mr. PEAKE can get 63 or more revolutions out of her engines, she can be depended on at sea to average 15 knots, or nearly 18 miles an hour.

The rigging and fitting of the *Bellerophon* will be much the same as those of other iron frigates, with the exception that the stringer plates and diagonal bracings will all be of steel—that is to say, of less than half the weight, and more than four times the strength, of the present system of wrought-iron fastenings. Wherever steel can be used with advantage, in point of strength and lightness, it will be adopted in the frame of this new frigate and Mr. REED estimates that by the method and with making the hull infinitely stronger, he will save in weight two or three hundred tons, which can be profitably better bestowed in increasing the thickness of the armor plating. It is the first time that steel has ever been used in these vessels, and Mr. REED deserves every credit for adopting it, though it was not difficult to foresee that it must soon have been extensively used.

The armor of the *Bellerophon* is to be no less than 18 inches thick, and that is to be on 10 inches of solid teak backing. This outerprotection is quite formidable enough, but what it protects is of the blind quite as strong in proportion. The inner skin consists of two plates, each of ¾-inch thickness, with a stout layer of painted canvas between to deaden concussion. Behind the same come angle-iron stringers of the tough steel. These angle-iron stringers in any metal would be of immense strength, and reach from the inner skin 9½ inches and 10 inches alternately. Thus they form so many longitudinal sleeves, of the depth mentioned, which run from stem to stern of the ship, two under each row of plates, and in these the teak beams are laid, the longitudinal layers of the angle-irons keeping the beams up to their work and preventing their lateral spreading, while they also support the plates with their edges and prevent their bending in virtue of their task. The *Bellerophon* is not thus coated from end to end and over all with this tremendous armor. In the centre and for 90 feet of her broadside she is thus protected, from 5 feet below the water line to the level of the upper deck. In this space are her guns, five 300-pounders, with one 600-pounder at each side. For the rest of her length there is only a belt of this massive armor, which goes to the same depth beneath the sea to six feet above it, so that she cannot be hit in any part where the water would enter.

The *Pallas* is designed for great speed, both in sailing and steaming, to carry only five guns, all 100-pounders of the longest range—a bow chaser forward and two at each side. Her length is to be 235 feet; her breath 30 feet, and her tonnage 2,372, with a draught of water of 18 feet forward and as much as 21 feet aft, in order to enable her to turn very quickly. She is to be of wood, but to be entirely coated from end to end with 4½-inch armor. She is to have a screw of great diameter. Her engines to be 600-horse power, and on the economical principle carried out with such marked success by Messrs. HUMPHREYS & TENNANT on board the *Hooker* and other of the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamers. Engined on this principle, she is expected and ought to be able to carry coals enough for 16 days' hard steaming, and with her huge fore and aft sails (only the foremast being square rigged) should have but little occasion to steam at all except in chase. Fourteen knots per hour seagoing speed is what is anticipated from this frigate, and at this rate, and with her large crew and heavy guns, she undoubtedly ought to be able to sweep the seas of any number of war vessels less strongly plated, less heavily armed and manned, and less speedy than herself.

FRENCH NEWSPAPERS ON THE ENGLISH PRESS.

The Paris *Temps*, of Wednesday, contains the following remarks respecting certain comments on the French debates which have appeared in the columns of some of our cotemporaries: "We have much regard for the English press; it is the first in the world, and the fitting expression of a great and free people; but it is not infallible, and the manner in which some of its principal organs have regarded our discussion upon the Address certainly will not reflect any honor upon them. It would be impossible to display more ignorance and frivolity than the *Times*, whose article the *Constitutionnel* was unlucky enough to make use of, without, however, daring to reproduce it entire; a circumstance easily understood, for the *Times*, under the pretext of censuring M. THIERS, drew the most unjust and the most insulting picture of our institutions, represented us as subjected to a sort of Asiatic despotism, and rendered homage to the power and magnanimity of the Emperor, for the insertion in the *Moniteur* of M. THIERS' speech." The *Siècle* has also some remarks on this subject. After referring to the diplomatic correspondence between Saxony and Great Britain upon the Schleswig-Holstein question, it says: "Instead of occupying itself with this discussion, in which the British Cabinet does not always show to the best advantage, the *Times* and the *Morning Post* prefer to fire some shots at the address of the French Opposition, and the Commencement of the Session applaud. Cannot the English journals which boast of belonging to a free country understand why French Deputies should claim the extension of public liberty? Are these journals quite sincere in what they say? Are not their attacks and their attempts to inflame the debates a weapon of war directed against the Government itself? What has occurred to justify the hostile intervention of the London newspapers? Faithful to doctrines which do not date from yesterday, M. THIERS manifested his predilection for the Parliamentary system. M. ROUHER, in conformity with the constitution of 1852, defended a personal government. M. Jules FAVRE, without entering into the systems brought forward, exposed the abuses and the inconvenience of laws that are too restrictive, and asked that they might be modified. Is not all this quite natural? Do not such oratorical struggles become a great people? It will be said that they had a passionate character; but which were more provoking, the orators of the Government or those of the Opposition? However, the opinions of the English journals upon our internal affairs is of very little matter to us; those affairs do not concern them, nor do we submit them to their approval. Whence comes, therefore, the fuss now being made about the recent articles in the *Times* and *Morning Post*? If they had blamed M. ROUHER or M. ROULAND, would they have had the honor of appearing on the front page of the *Moniteur*? The semi-official organs should remember the attacks upon them by the English press, and exclaim with the poet, "*Timeo Danaos.*"

MISCELLANEOUS.

FUNERAL OF ADMIRAL HAMELIN.

Paris Correspondence of the London Times, Jan. 22.

The funeral service for the late Admiral HAMELIN, Grand Chancellor of the Legion of Honor, was performed at 12 o'clock yesterday in the church of the Invalides with extraordinary pomp. The remains of the deceased were removed at eight in the morning from the Hotel of the Legion of Honor to the church of the Invalides, where they were placed on a rich catafalque decorated with the arms of the Admiral. The grand *facade* of the Invalides was hung with black cloth and decorated with flags. The names of the various engagements in which the Admiral distinguished himself were inscribed on black inside the church. A double file of Invalides lined the two courtyards, and detachments from almost all the regiments in Paris were formed in order of battle before the entrance, under the orders of Gen. SOUMAIN. The great bodies of the State, the Corps Legislatif, the Courts of Justice, the army and the navy were represented at the ceremony by several of their members. Near to the coffin were the Ministers of Justice and of Commerce, Marshals Regnault de St. Jean d'Angely, Forey, Randon, Vaillant; M. de Chasseloup Laubat, Minister of Marine; Admirals Charner, La Roncière le Noury, and La Predour; General the Marquis de Lorentine, Governor of the Invalides; and the Abbé Coquereau, the Emperor and the Prince NAPOLEON were represented by their aides-de-camp. The Diplomatic Corps sent several of its members. Twenty-six naval noncommissioned officers sent from Cherbourg to attend the funeral, stood round the catafalque. The funeral ceremony, which was performed by the Archbishop of Paris, was announced by a salute of thirteen guns. At the conclusion of the service the coffin was placed in a hearse drawn by six horses, and brought to the outer gate; a second salute of thirteen guns was fired, the troops defiled before the hearse, and the remains of the Admiral were deposited in the vault prepared for them. The expense of the funeral was defrayed by the Marine Department. Immediately after the ceremony the large gates of the Invalides were thrown open to the public, and a scene of confusion ensued which it would have been impossible to prevent, in consequence of the immense multitude of which it was composed.

Admiral HAMELIN was the fifteenth Grand Chancellor of the Legion of Honor. The first was the celebrated LACEPEDE, who enjoyed that dignity from the foundation of the order on the 21st of August, 1809, until the 7th of April, 1814. His successors were the Baron de PRADT, appointed by Louis XVIII., on the 7th of April, 1814; the Viscount LAURISTON; Marshal MACDONALD, Duke of Tarentum; Marshal MORTIER, Duke of Trevise; Marshal GARZAN; Gen. OUDINOT, Duke of Reggio; Gen. SUBERVIE, Marshal MOLITOR, Marshal EXELMANS, Gen. Count ORNANO; Gen. LAHURE, Duke of Plaisance; Marshal PELISSIER, Duke of Malakoff; and Admiral HAMELIN. Marshals OUDINOT, MOLITOR, EXELMANS, and ORNANO are interred in the vaults of the Hotel des Invalides.

A REBEL AGENT IN PARIS.

Correspondence of the Army and Navy Gazette.

PARIS, Wednesday, Jan. 20.

A Confederate naval officer now resides at Paris to direct the operations of Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS' rather limited navy during its stay in European waters. A land Admiral may be a title of new creation, but the desirability of such an appointment may be seen at a glance in these telegraph days. The Confederate officer, living close to a line of wires connected with nearly every part of Europe, has great facilities for learning the position of the enemy's forces, the harbors they may be found in, and where they are, or intend cruising. The different ports furnish him all the information he requires, and this information he immediately dispatches to those whom it may concern. It is not improbable that in all future wars land Admirals will be accredited to Neutral Powers, and that telegraphic lines will play a prominent or rather an unseen part in naval warfare. By this means too great damage may be done to the commerce of an enemy. The delegates of Mr. DAVIS may learn in Paris that a northern vessel, richly laden, is leaving Havre; he sends off a dispatch to Cherbourg, and the next day the unsuspecting property of Uncle Sam changes owners, or spreads a glare over the Channel.

The rumor that the *Florida*, still lying at Brest, had challenged the *Kearsage* appears to be unfounded. The Confederates know well that the States would give up three frigates for one, and have other intentions. There has been great difficulty in getting the *Florida* a new crew, without driving a coach and four through the Foreign Enlistment Act. The Southern naval men here have every desire to respect that act.

THE ACCIDENT TO THE LOUISIANA.

From the Liverpool Courier, Jan. 23.

By the courtesy of Messrs. GUION & Co. we are enabled to publish a complete and authoritative list of the men who were drowned by being washed overboard from the National Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Louisiana* during the gale in the Atlantic on the 12th inst. We yesterday gave a partial list, and stated that the number of persons who lost their lives was believed to be 17; subsequent inquiries show that the number is only fourteen, including two passengers, the third passenger, FERRIS, being now found to be safe on board the vessel. The following is the list: Passengers—Messrs. Samuel Wright and Morris Burney. Firemen—Thomas M'Eechan, Hugh (?) Jones and Robert Almond. (The Christian name of Jones is believed to be Hugh, but there is some doubt about it.) Boatswain—Charles Stewart and David Storms. Seamen—William Burns, Phillip M'Cane, Thomas Young, James Casey, Peter Anderson, Thomas Aphail and Alphonse Chevery.

FASHIONS FOR FEBRUARY.

From La Ballet.

We have this month to notice such an extensive list of elegant dresses, that we will only devote a limited space to general remarks. At the present moment, pale and evening dresses are of the first consideration. Low bodies are cut rather square, or slightly in the shape of a heart. Thick materials are usually made with round waists. Very wide sleeves are worn with these, tied behind, with double falling bows; the sleeve is made with a bulloned at the same material as the dress. The trimming of the skirt reaches about half a yard up from the bottom—narrow flounces, bouillonnés, bands of velvet or taffeta, lace, or chenille fringe, are all in vogue. A net-work formed of chenille, or with small hanging plush ornaments, is also worn; and fur is as fashionable as ever. Variegated dresses are even trimmed with bands of swan's-down, and the effect produced is quite novel and pretty. Swiss and cambric aprons are still quite the rage. They are to be seen in as many different styles, that all tastes may be pleased; but those made with sacques, and laced up in front, are perhaps the most stylish. Visiting dresses are frequently made quite plain, with merely a selection of pieces of

FROM THE SOUTH.

A REMARKABLE PROPOSAL

The Rebel Government Urged to Exchange Cotton and Tobacco for Food and Raiment.

YANKEE NOTIONS WANTED IN THE SOUTH.

A Picture of the Sufferings of Our Soldiers in Libby Prison.

COTTON AND TOBACCO.

A PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE FOR FOOD AND RAIMENT.

From the Richmond Enquirer, Feb. 6.

Confederate currency has nearly lost its purchasing quality, and the strong arm of impressment has been laid upon the staple products of the country. Food, raiment, and medicine are now well nigh beyond the reach of money. Ergo, to improve the finances must be made to minister to the comfort of the army, which is the mainspring of the Cause. The army must be fed, while the money is fitting for improving the currency are being tested. How shall it be done?

Cotton and tobacco approximate specie near enough for all the purposes that they are required by Confederate authorities. They can be exchanged or bartered for supplies, because they possess qualities of convertibility that do not belong to Confederate currency, and which cannot be given to it by any legislation whatever. The cotton and tobacco that is now spoiling on hand for want of a market—and the percentage of waste is enormous—if properly used by the authorities, can be made to capture new life and activity into our people, give food and clothing to our army, and, by demonstrating the use of Confederate money, facilitate its funding and appreciate it to a point higher than any system of legislation that can be devised.

By advertising for sealed proposals to furnish, say fifty millions of rations of meat, within a given time, to be paid for in cotton and tobacco, the Commissary Department can test a scheme which has the sanction of some of the wisest heads of the army, and the approval of some of the most experienced merchants of this city.

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"We hope this plan may be tried; that advertisement for sealed proposals for rations may be made to ascertain the feasibility of this scheme."

From the Richmond Enquirer, Feb. 5.

In the outset of this revolution, the action of the Confederate Government was made to conform to the received doctrine of the Southern States—that Cotton was king. The trusted theory of our Government was that England, France and the civilized nations of the earth would all bow to our wishes and come as suppliants to the foot-stool of this imperial power. In accordance with these assumed certainties, we made our cotton a sacrifice in neglect and disaster. Hundreds of thousands of bales were burned to the ground, in accordance with these assumed certainties. Thousands of bales were left in the hands of the authorities, can be made to capture new life and activity into our people, give food and clothing to our army, and, by demonstrating the use of Confederate money, facilitate its funding and appreciate it to a point higher than any system of legislation that can be devised.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

On Thursday night last the westward bound train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was captured ten miles west of Harper's Ferry, by a band of guerrilla robbers. The usual signal to stop the train was given, when the guerrillas surrounded it, and commenced a general robbery of the passengers, male and female. Greenbacks, jewelry, and other valuables were taken, and few of the passengers escaped without losing something. The object seemed to be entirely to obtain booty, as notwithstanding several Union officers and soldiers were on board, no prisoners were taken. It is reported that the passengers lost, altogether, not less than $30,000 in money and valuables. The engine and tender were run off the track, but the train was not injured. The robbers then left, and it is surmised that they were a party of plundering desperadoes from both sides.

A correspondent of the Boston *Herald*, writing from Charleston, under date of the 6th, says that all recent attempts to reinforce the worn-out garrison of Sumter have failed, because our guns completely command the whole harbor, and at night our calcium lights prevent the approach of the enemy, while every ten minutes a huge shell is dropped into the ruins. The same correspondent mentions an attempt by a rebel ram, accompanied by an infernal machine to proceed down the South Channel, for the purpose of destroying two of our vessels doing guard duty there. Before they got down, the infernal machine, a long, cigar-shaped thing, sunk, carrying down eight of her crew. The rebels have not tried to raise her. Deserters tell strong tales of the desperate condition of the rebels, and of their purpose to break the blockade.

A dispatch from Lake City, Florida, dated Feb. 8th, published in Richmond on the 9th, says that "eighteen vessels, gunboats and transports, are reported by the commanding officer at Camp Finnegan as having arrived at Jacksonville. The enemy, presumed to be in large force, have landed, and were last night reported as advancing."

The Memphis *Bulletin* publishes a card signed by three hundred of the best citizens of that city, addressed to the people of Tennessee, upon the subject of the reorganization of the State, and re-establishing relations with the National Government. It recommends immediate and unconditional emancipation as the best, truest policy, and only alternative, and calls upon all to support the same, by meeting at Memphis on the 22d instant.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday a report was received from the Secretary of War, giving a list of officers in Washington who, by reason of being stationed there, draw commutation for quarters and fuel. A memorial was received from the Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, asking that the Government grant military aid in opening a new route to Idaho, through Central Minnesota, in order to draw out the gold now awaiting shipment. The Senate then took up the bill equalizing the pay of soldiers. An amendment was adopted, giving colored soldiers the same pay as white troops, after Jan. 1, 1864. The discussion continued, but without coming to a conclusion, the Senate adjourned.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, yesterday, notice was given of a bill to prohibit the sale of liquor on Sundays; for a railroad in Thirty-fourth-street, New-York; for the better protection of oysters planted in Harlem River. A communication was received from the Comptroller, announcing that the fund for State bounties to volunteers was exhausted.

In the Assembly a bill was reported legalizing Brooklyn Volunteer Bonds. The General Appropriation Bill, which was the special order, was considered in Committee of the whole, and a very spirited debate occurred on the item appropriating $200,000 for the expenses of the militia. A bill was introduced for a railroad in Destrosses and other streets in New-York.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Washington *Republican* is authorized to announce that the telegraphic reports, published under date of Cincinnati, Feb. 11th, to the effect that parties arriving at Nashville from Knoxville, on the 10th instant, report that Cumberland Gap is cut off, and that nearly all that part of East Tennessee is in possession of the rebels, is not confirmed by any information in the possession of the Government, but, on the contrary, there is good reason to believe that the report is not true. If such news had been received at Knoxville on the 9th or 10th instant, it would certainly have been communicated to the Government before this time.

The Cincinnati *Commercial*, of Feb. 9, says: "We have authentic occasion for saying that under no circumstances will Gen. GRANT be a candidate for the Presidency, or permit his name to come before a national convention for such purpose. If his positive declination of the honor will gratify any, and, so far as his opinions are known, all, he is in favor of the nomination and re-election of Mr. LINCOLN."

A dispatch to the Chicago *Tribune*, dated Memphis, Feb. 7, states that on the 6th inst., Gen. P. G. T. BEAUREGARD, through his agent, paid his Union Shareholders, six hundred dollars. This amounts, in gold, to three cents. If he has faith in the establishment of a Southern Confederacy, he has no hope that Tennessee will constitute a portion thereof.

Gen. W. QUANTRILL lectured to an immense audience in Philadelphia, on Friday evening. The Bulletin says that part of his lecture, which drew forth tumultuous applause, universal and repeated applause, was his defence of the policy of Executive Energy.

FRANK P. BLAIR, one of the Julia thieves, has been arrested at Washington by a detective upon a requisition from the Governor of this State, and put in the Central Guardhouse for safe keeping.

The Sixty-seventh Ohio Regiment, Col. YOUNG, arrived here on Friday night, on board the steamer Fulton, from Port Royal. This regiment has reenlisted, and returns home on furlough. It numbers three hundred and sixty-six men.

The Supervisors' Recruiting Committee obtains at the present time, including reenlisted veterans, an average of 200 men each day—more than a regiment of soldiers in a week, if the men were put into the ranks together.

The receipts for internal revenue of the Sixth District of Massachusetts for the six months ending Jan. 1, 1864, were $698,391 63, an average of $97,470 45 per month.

Maj. HUNT, in whose behalf Senator HALE interested himself, and who has been on trial by a court-martial at Fortress Monroe for some time, has been honorably acquitted.

Rev. Dr. PARSONS COOKE, formerly editor of the *Puritan Recorder*, died at his residence in Lynn, Mass., on Feb. 12, aged 64 years.

A twenty-inch gun, which will throw a solid shot weighing half a ton, has been successfully cast at Fort Pitt Foundry, Pittsburgh. It weighs 55 tons.

The Nashville *Union* learns that Gen. W. G. HARDING, President of the famous Military Board of the rebel Governor of Tennessee, ISHAM G. HARRIS, has taken the oath of amnesty.

Flour and Wheat were dull and heavy on Saturday. An active inquiry prevailed for Corn at advanced prices, as also for Hay, Oats, Hops, and the principal kinds of Provisions at buoyant rates. Fish, Fruit, Groceries, Spices, Wool, Tallow, Tobacco, and Whisky were in fair request. The freight market was inactive, with 479 vessels of *all classes* in port.

The Omens of Ruin.

Among the many despairing proceedings of the Congress at Richmond, which betoken the approaching dissolution of the rebel Government and the so-called Confederacy—the gigantic impressment, (driving every able-bodied man into the army,) the forcible seizure of the crops, the summary repudiation of a debt of hundreds of millions, the public confession that they cannot feed an army of two hundred thousand men—the most striking to our mind is the bill passed on Feb. 1, entitled "an act to increase the efficiency of the army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities." By this act the Secretary of War is empowered to impress all male free negroes between the ages of 18 and 50, and to employ or impress all male negro slaves, to a number not exceeding 20,000, for any military service he may select. The wages and rations for both are to be the same with those of white soldiers; in the latter class, the wages are to be paid to the masters. In case of the death, or capture, or escape of the slave, the masters are to be compensated.

There seems to have been an animated discussion over the bill—honorable members objecting to the equality of payment of the negroes, precisely as they do here, on the ground of its equalizing the negro and white. But the practical sense of the Southern Congress showed them that if they would have good black soldiers or teamsters, they must treat them, at least in appearance, equally well with the white.

A proposition to exempt the free negro farmer was summarily put down, as, in fact, placing the black farmer above the white. There seems to have been a good deal of nervousness among members as to the part the free negroes would play in the Southern military service. Mr. SMITH, of Alabama, described them as "inimical to our cause," and being usually able to read, write and draw, he thought they might convey to the enemy very important information about their own fortifications. So with the teamsters—he feared their clogging the march of a whole army "by devices."

Mr. ELLIOTT, of Kentucky, naively replied: "*Does the gentleman suppose free negroes more inimical to our cause than slaves?*" Mr. SMITH "had never heard that free negroes had done anything good to our cause." Mr. CHAMBLISS, of Virginia, was "quite as willing to trust free negroes as slaves in our army."

The bill passed, of course, for the rebel Congress is now controlled by the votes of members from the States occupied by Union armies, who have nothing to lose, and will follow to the last the slightest beck of the desperate and able men at the head of affairs.

Nothing but the utmost desperation could induce even the leaders to adopt this measure. It is, in fact, a bill to emancipate and arm 20,000 slaves, and to organize and arm all the male free mulattoes and free negroes of the South. The latter class—as has been shown in New-Orleans—are a most dangerous one to the rebel Government. They sometimes own property. They hate the class of white masters. They have a large mingling of white blood among them, and are therefore quick, intelligent and revengeful. Their sympathies are now and must always be with the North.

With a proper infusion of them into the rebel army, we should need no scouting and spy-system. Everything that was of value in regard to the enemy's movements and plans would be speedily unfolded to us. Many a rebel wagon train, as the member from Alabama suggested, would be clogged and mired if these men were the teamsters. Then as to the slaves, the act means the confiscation at once of some forty millions of property, belonging exclusively to the ruling class. For no planter in his senses will suppose that he could ever use as a slave on a plantation again a man who had defended him in many a battle with musket and bayonet. And even if he be only a teamster, the life in the camps is not the one to prepare a man for being a slave. Furthermore, the chances of war, and the possibilities of escape, would inevitably carry off the greater proportion of this movable property.

To us at the North, no propositions of the rebel Congress could be more gratifying. To know that twenty thousand of the firmest friends of the Union are organized in the Southern army; that the dangerous lesson has been given to the slaves that they must be armed for the masters' sake; that a score of thousands of indispensable laborers are withdrawn from Southern production, and as many free men made, is something which would encourage us if our fortunes were at a much lower ebb.

We do not, however, expect any immediate practical results from this bill. Military organization can for a considerable time prevent our derriving much benefit even from the arming of 20,000 slaves by their rebel masters. But we consider this as only the beginning of a new policy among the rebels. It is valuable to us, as an indication of the desperation which precedes utter and remediless ruin.

Prosperity of the Country and its Inventive Talent.

Mr. T. MILNER GIBSON, in his recent speech on American affairs, expressed himself as much surprised at one fact which he stated to his audiences, viz., that though this country was engaged in a gigantic war, which taxed all its resources, and though we had put into the field an army of a million men, who were of course so many withdrawn from peaceful avocations, and in the main from agricultural pursuits, yet the production of wheat in the country actually increased from 169,000,000 bushels in 1862 to over 191,000,000 bushels in 1863. The statement was felt to be so damaging by the secession sympathizers in England, that their Ajax, Mr. SPENCE, took it up at the meeting of the Society for the Establishment of Southern Independence. He admitted the fact as stated, but claimed that other products had diminished, and that this fact alone gave an erroneous impression.

But there can be no doubt of the main fact that the prosperity and resources of this country have shown no such diminution or languishing as the rebels and their friends desired. Hence their uneasiness. They had hoped and believed that such war as we have carried on would have, in far less than three years, ruined the mercantile interests, broken the bankers, and beggared the whole people; that manufactures would have ceased, and commerce been destroyed, and agriculture been reduced to nothing; and that the shadow of want would have been long ere this gradually darkening over every man's door. And the fact that even in one item the production of the country should have increased, was too remarkable and too dangerous a fact for their cause to be allowed to pass without an effort to break its force.

Mr. GIBSON undertook to account for this remarkable fact in part by the increase of immigration, and no doubt correctly. The stout hands which have come into our land from across the seas have helped to fill up the gaps which the war has made among our laboring classes. Something no doubt too is due to the zeal of our people. Our farmers have been willing to labor harder, to sow and reap more land, because by so doing they could help the country's cause. Another reason for it has been the increased use of machinery. The necessity for laborers has driven our farmers more and more to save labor; and the reaping, threshing and mowing machines have been in more general demand, and have done more work than ever before.

We can hardly estimate our indebtedness to these labor-saving servants. How could the grain on the broad plains of the Western States by possibility have been gathered in without them, when so many stout arms, that in former times wielded the cradle and the flail, now wield the bayonet or the sabre? Nor has this assistance been felt in the department of agriculture alone. What should we have done for arms, but for the inventions of previous years, which have enabled our manufactories to turn them out by the thousand where ancient processes would only have given them to us by the hundred? How could we have clothed the mighty host, which sprung to arms at the country's call, but for the sewing machine, whose rapid fingers speed unwearied by day and night along countless seams? Thus in all departments, in arming, in clothing, in feeding our soldiers, we must acknowledge our indebtedness to the inventor's brain. These mighty inventions which we have looked upon hitherto as means only of increasing the comforts and luxuries of life among us, have proved to be reservoirs of power which God had prepared for the nation in its struggle for its life.

But mighty as have been the results produced by the inventor's skill, the future will show "greater things than these." The inventive talent of the nation is now mainly turned toward the arts of war, and is winning great success in that direction. There have been more ideas evolved among our Northern people which will have a permanent influence upon the modes of warfare in future than the Crimean war brought out in England, Russia and France combined. But when the war is done and the people return again to the arts of peace, we look for an advance in the mechanic arts, as well as in the productiveness of the country, compared with which the past will be as nothing. The gaps which war has made in our numbers will speedily be filled up. The vast regions of the South and the Southwest, then thrown open for the first time to free labor, will call for and absorb all the laborers which we and Europe combined can furnish. In them our soldiers, who may find themselves somewhat unsettled by camp life and unfitted for our older and quieter life of the North, will find ample scope for all their energies, and the nation, homogeneous at last, will set out upon a course of prosperity which will enable us not only to bear the debt of the war, as Mr. GIBSON said he believed we should be able to do from our "growing population and vast means," but to wipe it out altogether, and that speedily.

STAFF OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.—The duties and responsibilities of staff officers present a question of marked interest; and we subjoin the following note which comes to hand touching one point of the question:

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In GREMMELE's Diary, the author, with more prejudice than judgment, endeavors to prove that our defeats can be traced to the want of a proper staff and Chief of Staff. This, if true, would doubtless be an excellent means of shifting the responsibility of defeats from the shoulders of Generals and transfer it to their subordinates. But every soldier, and every one conversant with military affairs, knows that staff officers have no command, and only transmit the orders of their superiors. The position of a staff officer is one of honor and of danger, but is not in the line of promotion; nor yet, in case the General is killed, does the command devolve on the Chief of Staff, as the author of the *Diary* suggests. To read this book, one would imagine that Napoleon, and other commanders, received no credit for their victories, but that the Chief of Staff was the responsible man—the brains and nerves of the army, and, in fact, the person to whom alone should victory or defeat be credited. SOLDIER.

Without entering into the merits of the views which the writer makes the subject of his criticism, we do not think the point he himself makes is well taken. Staff officers do not *merely* "transmit the orders of their superiors." They very frequently *write* orders, under the general direction of the Commander, and they still more frequently convey *information* on which orders are formed. It is easy to see that blunders in either of these functions may entail disasters on the army; and of this the battle of Chickamauga furnishes, perhaps, the most remarkable example on record. A staff officer reported to Gen. ROSECRANS that one of the divisions of the right wing, (WOOD's,) which was merely thrown back a little *en echelon* was out of line. Under the impression produced by this false information of a stupid blunderhead of an Aid, General ROSECRANS directed an order to be written which would remedy the defect; but by the fatal ignorance of the staff officer who wrote the order, it was so worded as to *make* the very gap in the line which Gen. ROSECRANS, under the false impression that such a gap already existed, was laboring to fill up. The rebels promptly leaped through the opening made by the withdrawal of WOOD's division, and the whole wing was broken and routed right and left. Nothing more is needed to prove the importance of sound judgment, coolness and military intelligence in staff officers. The writer criticized by "Soldier" may exaggerate the duties and responsibilities of the staff, but the critic himself errs equally on the other side in unduly depreciating them.

Centralization in France.

The French Opposition have a truly Herculean task before them. Not only have they to win back liberty for the press, and to establish the right of the people to freedom of election, not only have they to restore independence to the tribunals, and to substitute responsible for arbitrary government, but, if they would not leave their work incomplete, they must destroy, root and branch, that all-pervading system of centralization which is everywhere paralyzing the energies of their nation and unfitting it for the appreciation and enjoyment of political blessings. Centralization is that all-absorbing power of the State, which, under pretence of excessive concern for the welfare of the individual, strips him of all municipal responsibility, and reduces him to the condition of an automaton, who lives and moves and has his being merely as the sovereign authority directs.

It is hardly possible for a stay-at-home American to conceive the extent to which this emasculating and demoralizing system is carried in France. When Louis XIV. exclaimed, "*L'etat, c'est moi*," the French Provincial Parliaments were in existence; and, though the monarchy was a despotism, the people possessed some few corporate privileges. But now, in the middle of the nineteenth century, and under the democratic imperialism of the Buonapartes, how stands the matter? Why that there is not a departmental or municipal prefect in France who is not a nominee of the Executive; that there is not a mayor in the empire, from the forty mayors of the metropolis to the humblest mayor of the obscurest commune, who is not a nominee of the Executive; that there is not a village pedagogue from the English Channel to the Pyrenees who is not a nominee of the executive. But the Imperial Government is not content with the appointment of local magistrates and elementary schoolmasters. It also undertakes to provide the proprietors of newspapers with editors, collegiate institutions with professors, charitable and scientific bodies with presidents—nay, it even denies to the Free Masons the choice of their Grand Master, and to the Society of Arts the selection of those students who are sent to Rome at the public cost to perfect themselves in painting, sculpture and architecture. So universally prevalent, in fact, is the French centralization system, that if the party of progress in the Legislature cannot succeed in effecting some modification of it, the individual in France will soon be reduced to a state of utter helplessness and imbecility, in which freedom of the press, freedom of election, and all other kinds of freedom will be of little use to him. While, however, there are men among her representatives who are fully sensible of the pernicious operation of this system on the national mind, and sufficiently daring to denounce it, the future of France need not be despaired of. One of the most outspoken and fearless of these, M. PELLETAN, who, it will be recollected, was elected for the Ninth District of the Seine, despite the opposition of the forty Parisian mayors, ventured during the debate on the Address, to call the attention of the Chamber to the evils of centralization, and to propose a change in the system. He recommended that the nomination of the presidents of departmental councils should be restored to said councils, and that urban and communal mayors should be henceforward chosen by the respective municipalities. Mr. PELLETAN's recommendation was not of course adopted by the chamber, but there were, nevertheless, over *sixty* of its members who had the manliness to vote for it; and when we recollect that more than one-half of these must have been habitual government supporters, we don't think the honorable gentleman has much reason to despond because his first effort proved a failure. Even if the majority had sustained him, they could not have insured him victory. In the present circumstances of France it is not within the province of the Corps Legislatif to contrain the Emperor to curtail his prerogatives. The most they could have ventured on would have been to submit the suggestion to their Sovereign, with the conviction that it would be hardly honored with a moment's consideration. The consequences of M. PELLETAN's defeat are not then likely to be of a very serious nature. He must, in fact, calculate on experiencing many such ere his aspirations are crowned with triumph. But let him persevere, let him keep the question continually before the Chamber, let him persist in exposing the abuses of the system, and by-and-by the attention of the masses will be turned to it, their interest therein will be aroused, they will descend into the arena to battle for their municipal rights, and a voice from the ballot-box will reach the Tuileries which even a Bonaparte will not be so reckless as to disregard.

The Prussian Imbroglio.

The Prussian imbroglio, though not likely to be attended with such tragic consequences as that about the Duchies, is yet little less complicated, and difficult of solution. Since WILLIAM and VON BISMARK deserted from the ranks of the Confederation, the breach between them and the Lower Chamber has been widening. The deputies have passed a series of resolutions denouncing the conduct of the Government, as traitorous to Germany—have *refused to sanction the loan* demanded by it to meet the expenses of the war—and have proclaimed that they will resist the Austro-Prussian "execution" by every means in their power. The latter avowal, however, on the part of the Chamber, was hardly necessary, for its rejection of the Minister's scheme was ample evidence of its determination to embarrass him as far as possible. But the Premier has resolved not to be incommoded by the action of the House, if he can at all avoid it. He declared to the committee that, should the deputies refuse the loan, he would get the money wherever he could, and if he can only find capitalists who will run the risk of advancing the cash to the Government, he is the very man that will not scruple to take it. Meanwhile, the ministerialists, in order to retaliate on their adversaries, have commenced a regular series of attacks on the Constitution, and the privileges of the members.

Baron von DER HEYDT, has introduced a bill to suppress article Eighty, of the Constitution, which guarantees to the deputies their traveling expenses, and salaries, and to so modify article Seventy-eight, as to render it unlawful for any deputy holding office under the Crown to enter the Chamber without having obtained leave of absence from the chief of the department. The preamble to this bill alleges that its object is to promote order and subordination in the Executive bureaux, and to render the representatives of the people more independent; but who can doubt that its real object is to decimate the ranks of the Opposition, by excluding poor men and liberal functionaries from the Assembly?

The von der Heydt *projet*, however, merely aims a blow at an obnoxious party and individual foes, but that of the Finance Minister, RONDELSCHWINGH, takes a higher flight, and strikes at that privilege of the Chamber which gives it power and vitality, and without which it would be only an incumbrance and incubus to the State. Article 99 of the Constitution provides for the annual establishment of the Budget, and declares that it must be fixed every year by law. Now, the Prussian Chancellor of the Exchequer has proposed to get rid of this inconvenient clause, and to substitute therefor one which would leave the last legally established Budget *in force* as often and as long as the King and the two branches of the Diet could not come to an agreement about the national revenue and expenditure. In a word, this model financier would fain obviate the difficulty pending between his Sovereign and the deputies, by constitutionalizing the past and prospective illegalities of the Government, and reducing the Lower Chamber to a condition of perfect helplessness in the presence of the King. Of course, the Executive has failed to carry either of these iniquitous measures through the House, and are therefore in very bad temper—so much so in fact that they stoop to the practice of the most contemptible devices in order to indulge their anti-democratic spleen. Here is a specimen of the lengths to which they go for this unworthy purpose. Some time past the Chamber appointed a commission to inquire into certain irregularities which occurred at the last elections. Hardly, however, had the commission entered on its labors, when a circular appeared from the Prussian Postmaster-General, instructing his subordinates to pay *no attention* to the interrogatories that might be addressed to them by said commission, but to forward all their communications to headquarters. This *ukase* was, of course, issued by command of the Cabinet, yet it would be rather difficult to find the clause in the Prussian Constitution which authorizes the Executive to obstruct the popular branch of the Diet in the discharge of its duties. But *n'importe*. Thwarting the investigation of the Chamber into electioneering frauds is doubtless just as legitimate as raising loans and taxes without its concurrence.

From the repeated assaults of Ministers, indeed, on the Constitution, and from their studied disregard of the privileges of the Lower Chamber, it is evident that the King has made up his mind to resort once more to his old *coup*, and to govern as hitherto, on the *sic volo sic jubeo* principle—nay, it is almost certain that the blow has been already struck, and the Diet dispersed.

This annual farce of summoning a parliament in order that he may have the pleasure of a regular set-to with it, and the honor of flooring it periodically, has become, in truth, a favorite pastime of WILLIAM's, and threatens to be interminable if the Prussian people don't manifest a little of that enthusiasm and bellicosity in behalf of their own liberties which they so freely lavish on the Teutons of Schleswig-Holstein—if they don't proclaim in thunder-tones to the tyrant that if he would continue to reign over Prussia, he must respect the provisions of the constitution, the privileges of the Chambers and the rights of the nation.

—Gen. MEAGHER addressed the Montgomery Association, in Boston, on Feb. 9, upon the career of Gen. CONCOMBE.

FROM THE SOUTH.

FROM CHARLESTON.

Destruction of the Blockade-Runner Fingal—Attempt of Attaches to Reinforce the Garrison of Sumter—Mortality in the Fort—Sinking of a Rebel Infernal Machine—Escape of Deserters, and their Story.

BOSTON, Saturday, Feb. 13.

The correspondent of the Boston *Herald*, writing from the fleet off Charleston, describes the destruction of the blockade-runner as follows:

OUR CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Feb. 9.

"Very early this morning some daring Englishmen made a bold attempt, just before daybreak and during a fog, to run the blockade. He succeeded in getting in as far as the mouth of the harbor, where he was run ashore by trying to avoid the shells from our batteries, which were flying in every direction. The fog soon cleared up, and there was the blockade-runner hard and fast on the beach. She was a splendid looking side-wheel steamer, with two smoke stacks and raking masts. Fort Wagner and Gregg, aided by two monitors, at once commenced to shell her, and by noon she was a complete wreck. A two hundred-pounder Parrot from Fort Wagner cut her nearly in two. Besides the shelling of the steamer, the city of Charleston, James Island, and Fort Johnson and Moultrie have received a tremendous cannonading."

The same correspondent, under date of Feb. 8, says:

"The rebels have tried several times lately to reinforce the almost worn-out garrison in the ruins of Fort Sumter, but have failed. It cannot be done by daylight as our guns have full range of the harbor all round. All night our calcium lights are kept lighted and hour not only upon Fort Sumter, but upon all the harbor and the city, so that it is impossible for a boat or a steamer to go near the ruins. In addition to this the small remnant of a garrison in the ruins are treated every ten or fifteen minutes to a heavy powerful Parrott shell from sunset till daylight. Most of the men in Sumter are negro slaves, and we know that some twenty or thirty of them are killed daily.

The night before last, it being somewhat hazy, one of the rebel rams in company with a torpedo-boat, a cigar-shaped, infernal machine, left Mount Pleasant and proceeded down the coast in the rear of Sullivan's Island, for the purpose of going out to make an attempt to destroy the gunboats *Housatonic* and *Nyack*, which were doing guard duty that night in the south channel near Bonon Inlet. When the ram and infernal machine had got ready to make a dash out of the inlet, it was found that the machine was in a sinking condition. She was then turned back into the inlet where she now lies wreck. She went down carrying with her eight of her crew. This attempt put an end to the attempt to destroy our vessels. This is the third infernal machine the rebels have lost.

A few days ago a squad of the rebel soldiers, including a sergeant, deserted to our lines. They say that "the rebels" throughout the town in Charleston; that all civil laws are at an end in the place; that military rules have full sway over the civil authorities; that they are becoming "desperate," and that every means in their power will be resorted to to force the blockade here. They need have no distance or starve. They report that the city is badly damaged from the effect of Gillmore's continual bombardment, which is still going on.

FEBRUARY 6.—Yesterday and to-day the bombardment has been kept up. It is calculated that at least a shell is sent into the city almost every ten minutes when our fire is directed against the town.

The rebels have not yet attempted to raise the infernal machine sunk in Bonon Inlet.

The weather has been very rough for the last sixty-eight hours.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Gen. Owen's Official Report of the Recent Passage of the River.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD BRIGADE, THIRD DIVISION, SECOND CORPS, Feb. 6, 1864.

I have the honor to report that on Saturday, 6th inst., at 7 o'clock, I marched my command in the direction of Morton's Ford, in accordance with orders received about three hours previous to that time. I arrived at the headquarters of the cavalry reserve within half of a mile of the Ford, at 10 o'clock, A.M., and halted. At 10:30 I received orders to cross the river, which I succeeded in doing, and pushed the enemy back about half a mile, and then under orders not to press the enemy too hard, but to skirmish with him if he appeared so disposed. I halted my advance and made my dispositions to hold the favorable position which I had taken. In a short time the enemy began to concentrate troops in my immediate front, and he advance a stronger line of skirmishers. I communicated this fact to Corps Headquarters, through the signal officer, and asked for reinforcements; at 2:15 P. M., Colt, CARNEY and POWERS reported to me by order of Gen. HAYS, and I massed their brigades (First and Second of the Third Division,) under cover from the enemy's fire, and in a position whence they could be readily deployed to the right or left, as circumstances might require. The enemy kept up a vigorous fire of small arms during the day, and, at intervals, a heavy artillery fire from a battery in position on his left. Fresh troops were arriving continually, and in great haste. At 5:30 P. M. the enemy opened with a heavy fire from his batteries, and shortly afterward advanced and attacked vigorously our right and right centre; but it was futile, as, under the personal supervision of the General commanding the division, the enemy was met and repulsed at all points.

At 7:30 P. M. I was ordered to hold myself ready to recross the river, which I did at 11:30. All the troops behaved well. I am satisfied with the Third Brigade. It will do its duty, and never disgrace the Second Corps.

The passage of the river under the enemy's fire, I consider as worthy of special notice, and I specially mention the good conduct and gallant bearing of my Adjutant-General, Capt. ROBT. S. SHARPE, who was the first to cross the river at the head of the 300 picked skirmishers, and to drive the enemy back from the rifle pits, capturing twenty-seven men and two officers.

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I am, Sir, with great respect, your obd't serv't,

JOSHUA T. OWEN, Brig.-Gen. Vols.

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A SUCCESSFUL SCOUT.

Fifty Rebels Killed and Sixty-three Taken Prisoners.

From the Nashville Union, Feb. 13.

Some eight or ten days ago a part of the command of Gen. PAYNE (cavalry,) left Gallatin on a scouting expedition through counties bordering on Kentucky. About the same time Col. W. B. STEARNS' regiment of cavalry left this place to cooperate with them, and, going by way of Alexandria, visited Watts, Putnam, and Overton counties. The Gallatin expedition would start the game and drive it down upon their commrades from Nashville. PAYNE's men succeeded in killing thirty-three, and capturing sixty-three rebel guerrillas. Amongst the prisoners was Col. TEAS, B. MCMANUS, of Warren County, a politician of some note, who was on the Breckinridge electoral ticket. He was conveyed with other prisoners to Gallatin. Col. STEARNS's Cavalry killed seventeen rebels; but took no prisoners. Amongst the killed was Capt. JAMES DAVIS, well known in this city, a steamboat man, who had commanded different packets on the Cumberland River. He had on his person a brace of revolvers, $2,000 in Confederate money, and a copy of an oath of allegiance to the Federal Government, which he had taken, certified by Sheriff HARTMAN, formerly Provost-Marshal of this place. He might have been taken alive had he heeded when so commanded. But to the command he replied: "You had better find out who you are talking to!" and attempted to draw a pistol. A command to fire followed, and he fell pierced by seven balls.

The daring villain CRABB STANDIFER was closely pressed by some of STEARNS' men, but he made his escape.

It is mentioned as a singular fact that none of the prisoners or killed were armed with guns. All had revolvers, some of them as many as three. Thus armed they could pass through the country and be citizens or guerrillas as they might choose.

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The splendid regiment of Col. STEARNS is now at Alexandria. It numbers between 1,200 and 1,300 men.

Violation of the Revenue Laws.

BOSTON, Saturday, Feb. 13.

Twenty cases of cigars, libeled in the United States District Court for violating the revenue laws, were sold at auction to-day. The prices ranged from $62 50 to $120 per thousand. Other auction sale brought from $60 to $100. The average amount per thousand for the whole lot is about $[illegible]

From San Francisco.

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Sailed, steamer Constitution, for Panama, with 100 passengers and $600,000 in treasure for England, and $400,000 for New-York.

Colorado Territory.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Within the past three or four months the attention of New-York and Boston capitalists has been directed to the gold mines of Colorado Territory, and large investments of money and machinery have been made for the purpose of developing the vast mineral resources of that region. So little is known of the wealth of the mountain ranges of Colorado, and the natural advantages of that region, that I have thought a brief article on the subject might not be out of place in the columns of the TIMES.

It is only five years since public attention was attracted to what is known as Colorado Territory. For nearly two years after the discovery of gold in the valleys east of the mountains, the miners met with indifferent success, and a general feeling of discouragement prevailed. But the persevering efforts of "prospecting" parties at length revealed the existence of numerous gold-bearing quartz veins in the mountains, and a fresh impetus was given to mining enterprises. Stamp-mills and other mining machinery were brought rapidly into use; and from a yearly yield of only $4,000 in gold in 1856, the product has steadily increased to a yield of $15,000,000 in 1863. All this, too, in the face of serious troubles and uncertainties growing out of the inexperience of the pioneers, who were only apprentices in the business of gold-mining, and who could not for a long time discover a sure and economical process for saving the gold thought to exist in the ores.

But at length science and experiment have overcome this difficulty, and the recent reports from Colorado give warrant to the belief that the yield of 1864 will not be less than $20,000,000. *In the opinion of* Prof. Hunt, of the New-York Assay Office, "Colorado will in five years rival California."

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An office has been opened in this City, at No. 3 Bowling-green, for the purpose of promoting an increased emigration to Colorado. Publications will soon be issued setting forth the numerous advantages of this region, and giving full information to intending emigrants. Will not the TIMES aid in this work by giving this article a place in its columns?

Respectfully, &c. EDWARD BLISS.

Lotteries at Fairs.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In a late issue of your excellent paper there appeared several letters sharply reproving the holding of lotteries at charitable fairs, and making fierce onslaught, in anticipation, on the raffles contemplated in the great coming effort.

At our last great fair, "The Ladies' Union Bazaar," I had the honor of acting as one of the supplementary stargazers. One evening a gentleman addressed a lady friend, who was standing at the table I served, as follows:

"Really, Madam, these raffles are a great comfort."

"In what way?" she inquired.

"Why, they have saved me from a world of annoyance; I came here this evening to spend the sum of $20, which mite I considered as my just proportion to this noble charity, according to my means. I did not count a single thing. To my surprise and pleasure, I found at least twenty charming ladies of my acquaintance, selling at twenty different tables, and received a friendly beckoning from all directions. I glanced around, and felt my face sensibly elongating. Good gracious! I inwardly ejaculated; there don't seem to be a single article on these splendidly furnished tables worth less than $10 or $20. What the mischief shall I do? My hopes of spending a pleasant evening, as well as my money, flew to the moon; and in a frightful ill-humor, I approached the table nearest, determined to take the first thing that came to hand, pay for it, and leave the place, resigning myself, with what philosophy I might, to being unanimously 'cut' by my other nineteen acquaintances.

But a voice of ravishing melody darted like a sunbeam through this dismal gloom, and poured balm into my stricken heart, uttering these magical words: "Take a chance, Mr. Bunnemawe; only a dollar."

"To the rescue!" I cried, joyfully, pulling out my money; and, after a few moments' brilliant chat—for my delight made me incredibly witty—I visited all my lovely acquaintances in turn, and "took a chance."

What the half of these chances were for, I have not the slightest idea. I only know that I have given the money I intended, and kept my friends; and you will find mine to be the experience of thousands of others.

I had listened to this rigmarole with amused attention. Hitherto I had been savagely "down" on raffling, though wickedly selling tickets if any one wished to buy; but this was "putting things" in such a new and most plausible light, that I own myself halting between two opinions.

The clergymen who have written against the practice, are very much in the right and a very little in the wrong. For instance: I will admit that children, who in their connection are also fools, should never be permitted to gamble. If you call it so; but grown folks, who are supposed to have discretion and sense, and who, also, in this connection, we will assume not to be fools, need not rush desperately off with the money in one hand and a suicidal dagger in the other, to be made fools of, money and life at the fair-table because they have won a big doll or a plum cake at a fair—and they do.

I am perfectly and supremely aware that some people come to fairs determined to have the worth of their money. The "mean critters" ignore the fact that this is not the point, but to give when they can afford to the charity, without thinking or caring of personal return, is the point.

Since the "Union Bazaar Fair," I have spent all my fair money in chances. I never won anything but once, and I assure you I was heartily sorry for it—it seemed like taking back my charity.

I do not venture to predict, but if raffling is to be excluded on the sounding occasion, Mr. SHINNEBARN, and thousand like him, will find business out of town during the holding of the Metropolitan Fair.

EX-MANAGER.

Gloom Darker at New-Orleans.

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In the issue of the *World* of the 12th inst. I noticed an article styled "Our Prisoners and Gen. Butler." In the article the writer alludes to the infamous rebel taunt of the "Tyrant of New-Orleans," as applied to Gen. BUTLER, and assumes the responsibility of the charge that the General made himself infamous in the sight of Christendom, in order that he might insult, and insult unarmed women who had wounded his self-love. I am happy to say that the good sense and true patriotism of the American public requires any apology for the course of Gen. BUTLER in the instance alluded to unnecessary, if not superfluous; and it would be a cause of astonishment to me to learn that any other than a rank Secessionist or a Northern sympathizer with the rebellion, would allow himself to reiterate charges now so well known to have originated in rebel prejudices and hatred. But as the writer of the article has allowed himself the liberty of reproducing the slanders of a period long past, I would like to inquire whether he writes from personal knowledge or from mere rumor, or malicious reports, that he has formed his opinion. All officers and soldiers, and Union men and women present during Gen. BUTLER'S reign in New-Orleans, ignore all tyranny in his administration of affairs in that city, and uphold him in everything he did, though it was the oft-reported wish that he had ruled with a stronger arm. It is true the General sent two women to Ship Island. In this he was right, and had he sent more, all lovers of good order would have been better pleased. In this the "torment" to which the writer alludes. If so, and he is himself a husband, father, son or brother, he may see in it the torment justly due to the already condemned criminals. I suppose the writer of the article, in speaking of Gen. BUTLER as insulting unarmed women, refers to his order to the men under his command to treat such characters as "women of the town." Can a "lady" offer an insult to a person? Can any female do so without affixing to herself the character of infamy? Having been present in New-Orleans at the period mentioned, and being in a position to know the facts in the case, I can affirm that no woman, no matter how bitter her secession feelings might have been, if she behaved herself as a lady, would never have received an insult from any one, who was in any way connected or accountable to the United States Government. Some people did not like this order. The General knew his meaning, and no right-minded man's brains were so muddled as to be unable to understand it as it was meant. All acted accordingly, and did not ask our *friends* at home or abroad whether they liked it or not. What does the writer mean by unarmed women? Does he mean they were without dirk or pistol in their own hands, or that they were without husbands to protect them? I can assure him, both of the women sent to Ship Island had husbands *or fathers, and if they had thought this ill treatment, they knew their remedy was in a respectful* representation of the facts to President LINCOLN. This they did not do, because they knew well that their wives or daughters had shamefully done wrong. What would the writer of the article think of a woman who could stand upon her balcony or door stoop and wave her handkerchief, furnish and spit upon the funeral cortege of a Union officer or soldier as it passes? But now, in regard to our prisoners. The Government has honored itself and sustained its own dignity in giving Gen. BUTLER another command. He is the right man in the right place, and I sincerely hope the Government and the General will stand firm in the steps they have taken and make the rebels recognize Gen. BUTLER as an officer before a prisoner should be exchanged. Were I a prisoner in the hands of the rebels, I for one would submit to the harsh treatment and short rations of Castle Thunder and Libby Prison, and die there rather than see my Government or Gen. BUTLER budge one inch from the step they have taken. I greatly mistake if this is not the universal sentiment of our officers and soldiers who are prisoners.

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BUTLER.—At the St. Denis Hotel, in this City, at 6 o'clock P. M., on Thursday, Feb. 11, Col. A. J. BUTLER, only brother of Maj.-Gen. Butler, aged 49 years less two days.

The friends of the deceased, and of his family, are invited to attend his funeral, which will take place on Sunday morning, the 14th inst., from the Church of the Ascension, corner of 5th-av. and 10th-st., at 9 o'clock A. M.

COOKE.—On Friday, Feb. 12, Mrs. MARGARET P., wife of Geo. F. Cooke.

Funeral services at the Church of the Puritans, corner 16th-st. and Broadway, on Sunday, the 14th inst., at 2 o'clock. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

CROWELL.—At Almena, Mich., on Thursday, Feb. 11, CHARLES W., son of Martin L. and Eliza A. Crowell, of this City, aged 3 years.

Notice of the funeral will be given on Monday.

CONCKLIN.—On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 11, MARY ELIZA, eldest daughter of Walter W. and Catharine C. Conckling.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, at 1 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, the 14th inst., from the residence of her parents, No. 107 West 11th-st., without further notice.

CROPPER.—In this City, on Thursday, Feb. 11, ROSINA M., widow of the late Thomas B. Cropper.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Sunday, the 14th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., from her late residence, No. 67 East 14th-st., without further invitation.

HAYNES.—On Saturday, Feb. 13, of consumption, PRISCILLA, wife of Henry W. Haynes, aged 31 years, 10 months and 14 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, at the house of her brother, Wm. Allen, No. 170 Schenectady-st., Brooklyn, on Monday, the 15th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

HOFFMAN.—On Thursday morning, Feb. 13, LINDA OGDEN, daughter of William O. and Emma H. Hoffman, aged 5 months.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, at Zion Church, Madison-av. and 38th-st., to-day, (Sunday,) at 2 o'clock P. M.

LIVINGSTON.—On Saturday, Feb. 13, MARY GOLDEN, wife of Clermont Livingston, of Clermont, in the 44th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at 12 o'clock M., at her late residence, Clermont, Columbia County, N. Y.

MYERS.—On Saturday morning, Feb. 13, after a long and painful illness, ELIZA H., wife of Hon. Andrew A. Myers, of Kings County, L. I.

Notice of the funeral will be given in Monday's *Herald*.

SCOLLAY.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Feb. 11, Commodore WILLIAM J. MCCLERY, U. S. N., aged 66 years.

The friends of the family, and of his brother-in-law, George W. Lee, and the officers of the navy and army, are invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 23 Smith-st., on Monday, Feb. 15, at 2½ P. M.

PHILLIPS.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Feb. 11, GEORGE A., son of the late William Phillips, in the 46th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Sunday, the 14th inst., at 3 o'clock, from St. Ann's Church, corner of Washington and Sands sts., without further invitation.

BONNEFOUS.—On Friday, Feb. 12, at 1 o'clock, MARGARET, wife of Thomas Robertson, aged 35 years.

The friends and relatives of the deceased, and also the members of the New-York Caledonian Club, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 216 West 23d-st., on Sunday, the 14th inst., at 3 o'clock.

☞ Edinburgh papers please copy.

SHIPP.—On Saturday, Feb. 13, WM. M. SHIPP, late of Bermuda, aged 39 years.

Funeral this day, (Sunday,) at 3 o'clock P. M., from No. 16 Union-square. The friends and acquaintances, also the members of St. George's Society, are requested to attend.

VANDERBILT.—After a short illness, WM. S. VANDERBILT, in the 48th year of his age.

Due notice of the funeral in Monday's papers.

WICKHAM.—On Friday morning, Feb. 12, BRIDGET WICKHAM, widow of the late Thomas Wickham.

The funeral will take place at St. James Church, Goshen, Orange County, on Monday, the 15th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend without further invitation. The train will leave foot of Chambers-st. at 10 o'clock A. M., and return in the afternoon.

WINSOR—STOWELL.—In Boston, on Tuesday, Feb. 9, FANNIE E., wife of Parker Winsor, and daughter of William H. Stowell, of San Francisco, Cal.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

EVERING HALL.

Rev. W. H. Milburn will deliver one of his series of lectures on the "First Christian Century," on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Subject—St. Paul in Prison. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

THE ANNUAL MEETING TO PROMOTE the objects of the American Sunday-school Union will be held in the First Reformed Dutch Church, Madison, near Ab. A. Wesson, pastor,) SABBATH EVENING, Feb. 14th, at 7½ half-past 7 o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. A. A. MILLER, Rev. J. T. DUBOIS, and Rev. J. W. CHESLAW, late from the Army. A general statement of the work of the Society will be made by Rev. J. E. DUBOIS, Associate Secretary of Missions. A collection will be taken, and pledges received for a year.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD—ITS LOCATION AND TIME OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT, will be discussed by the NEW-YORK SCRIPTURE REVIEWING CLASS, in Concert Hall, Astor-place, on THURSDAY EVENING NEXT, at 7½ o'clock. The public are invited to attend.

S. J. COX, Secretary. E. C. MCLANE, President.

HELL—ITS ORIGIN, HISTORY, DESTINY.—Rev. C. T. FLEAVES will deliver the fourth discourse on this subject, at Historical Society's Hall, 54-av., on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Subject—A Rich Man in Hell—how he got there, and what he saw about it. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Strangers are cordially invited to both services.

SEVENTH-ST. M. E. CHURCH—BETWEEN 2d and 3d-avs.—Anniversary. Tea meeting will be preached in behalf of the mission of M. E. Church, in this Church, on SUNDAY, the 14th inst. Rev. Bishop JANES, at 10½ A. M., and Rev. F. BURTON, the Pastor, at 7 o'clock P. M. Seats free. Sacraments at Lord's Supper and Baptism at 3 o'clock P. M.

AWFUL WARS AND MASSACRES AT HAND.—Louis Napoleon, the future Anti-Christ, in covenant with the Jews and conquer all nations. (Dan. ix. 27; Rev. xiii. 7.) Coming of Christ about 1868-70, and Millennium. Rev. R. BAXTER, author of a prophetic book at Shiloh's Church, in Hope Chapel, (ground floor,) Broadway, SUNDAY morning at 11, and 7½.

CHURCH OF THE PURITANS.—THE fifth lecture on *Rungum's Holy War* will be delivered by Rev. C. H. GIBBS, in the Church of the Puritans, TO-MORROW EVENING, on *The Conquest and Occupancy of Mansoul, by Emanuel, with its Process of Petitioning and Pardoning.* Services at half-past seven.

REV. ISAAC WESCOTT WILL PREACH in the Bloomingdale Church, on 42d-st., between 7th and 8th ave., on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, on the *Worth of the Soul.* Rev. Dr. HALLEY, of this City, will preach at 10½ A. M. Sunday School at 2 and 4 o'clock. Preaching every evening in the week at 7½ o'clock, except Saturday.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Crosby-st., two blocks east of Broadway. Preaching on SUNDAY, by the Pastor, Rev. *Jonas B. Dunn*, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ o'clock, evening. Evening subject—*Little Faith and Atheist*—representative character sketches from "Pilgrim's Progress." Sabbath school at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.

NOTICE.—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LARGE hall corner of 4th-av. and 23d-st., Rev. H. G. SEARS, Alt. minister. Regular services MORNING and EVENING. Sabbath Evening—*Christ's Second Coming—Second Doctrine of the Future Judgment, &c.* Services at 7½ o'clock.

THE UNITED STATES IN PROPHECY.—Spurgeon Barron, Pastor of the Union-st. Congregational Church, near Hart-st., Brooklyn, is preaching a series of sermons on *The United States in Prophecy*, every Sunday evening. The thirteenth sermon TO-MORROW, at 7½ P. M. Preaching at 10½ A. M.

THE NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION OF SUNDAY School Teachers will hold their regular meeting in the 4th av. Presbyterian Church, corner of 21st-st. (Rev. Dr. Cheever's,) on MONDAY, the 15th inst., at 7½ o'clock P. M. Subject for discussion—*The Library, and how to use it.*

MARINERS' CHURCH OF THE NEW-YORK PORT SOCIETY, corner of Madison and Catharine sts. Sermon on SUNDAY, the next in the course of Sabbath evening sermons, will be delivered by Rev. H. SLOAT, on SUNDAY, Feb. 14, at 7½ P. M. Preaching at 10½ A. M., by the pastor, Rev. A. MOGLEBAY, assistant.

MOST IMPORTANT TRUTH.—WHILE THE sects of Christendom are debated with all the various forms of creed, there is one place where pure Bible truth is preached by the messenger of Christ. You are invited to hear him on SUNDAY, at 3 o'clock, P. M., at No. 108 Bowery. Seats free.

ATHENÆUM, BROOKLYN, CORNER OF Clinton and Atlantic sts.—Rev. MATTHEW HALE Smith will give on SUNDAY, at 7½ P. M., the fifth sermon of the course, "Our Lord and Practical Life"—*Our Lord a Lawyer, and His Work as Redemption.* Services also at 10½ A. M. Sunday-school concert at 3 P. M.

SECOND ADVENT CHURCH—BOTANIC Hall, No. 60 East Broadway, Tombs, preaching on SUNDAY by Elder Burns Wesmann, at 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M. All who are interested in the great "Life Theme," and the "coming kingdom now nigh at hand," are cordially invited to attend. Seats free.

REV. WILLIAM ADAMS D.D., WILL address to young men, by invitation of the New-York Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Men's Christian Association of Columbia College, on SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, at the Madison-square Presbyterian Church.

BY SPECIAL REQUEST—REV. A. H. VINTON, D. D., will repeat his sermon on the Liturgy, on SUNDAY EVENING, the 14th inst., in the Church of the Transfiguration, 20th-st., near 6th-av. Subject—*Liturgic Worship, Natural, Rational and Scriptural.* Services to commence at 7½ P. M.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH, CORNER OF First-place and Clinton-st., Brooklyn. The Rev. Dr. BURCHARD, of New-York, will preach NEXT SABBATH EVENING. The Pastor in the morning. Services at 10½ and 7½.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH—CORNER HENRY and Scammel sts. Sunday services at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 7½ P. M. The Rector, Rev. SAMUEL ADAMS WELLS, will preach morning and evening. Lent services every day at 5 A. M. Lecture on FRIDAY EVENINGS, at 7½ o'clock.

REV. SAMUEL R. BELL, D. D., WILL preach (D. V.) in the 50th-st. Presbyterian Church, between Broadway and 8th-av., on SUNDAY, Feb. 14, at 10½ A. M. and 7½

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100 do	s10	100 Mil. & P. Du C. R.	s10 65
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TO LEASE ON LONG LEASES BY COLUMBIA COLLEGE.—Lots on the 5th-av., between 49th and 50th-sts., and between 50th and 51st-sts.; and on 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th and 51st-sts., between the 5th and 6th ave. Applications may be made to G. M. COPPEN, Treasurer of Columbia College, or to Walker-st., JAMES N. WELLS, at No. 187 5th-av. References will be required.

TO LET—AT SING SING, MOUNT VIEW, THE residence of the late Gen. Street. The house is large and has lately been put in complete order, and painted and papered throughout. The outbuildings are stable, ice-house, and gardener's cottage. Ten acres of land are attached to the place. Possession may be had at once. Apply to G. GILBERT, No. 72 6th-av., or A. LEGGETT, No. 203 Front-st.

TO LET—THE FIRST-CLASS TWO-STORY AND attic brick house, No. 78 Christopher-st., mahogany doors on parlor story; gas and Croton introduced; also, bath room; the yard runs through to Grove-st. Apply to CLINTON GILBERT, No. 19 6th-av.

TO LET OR LEASE—SUITABLE FOR A Club or Private Boarding House—an elegantly furnished mansion on University place, near 12th; 20 rooms; rent very low to a good tenant. Inquire of LIVINGSTON & CO., No. 1 New-st.

TO LET OR LEASE—THE FOUR-STORY high stoop house, No. 37 East 18th-st., first door from Broadway; finished in the best manner, and well suited for a small family. Apply to A. FINDLAY, No. 31 Pine-st.

TO LET—A FINE COUNTRY RESIDENCE AND outbuildings, near William's Bridge station, on the Harlem Railroad. Inquire of Mrs. BUILDS, on the premises.

TO LET—THE TWO-STORY AND ATTIC BRICK house No. 120 Greenwich-st.; gas and Croton introduced; also, bath-room. Apply to CLINTON GILBERT, No. 19 6th-av.

STABLE TO LET—THE LARGE FIRST-CLASS stable in the rear of No. 29 West 27th-st.; coachman's dwelling attached; possession 1st of May next. Apply to CLINTON GILBERT, No. 19 6th-av.

TO LET—FROM THE 1ST MAY, A HANDSOME-ly-furnished house; 9 or 10 rooms; Union-square. Address Box No. 713 Post-office.

TO LET OR LEASE—THE FINE LARGE MARBLE-front house, No. 39 Varick-st., near the Astor House. Apply to A. FINDLAY, No. 31 Pine-st.

HOUSE TO LET AND FURNITURE FOR SALE.—Possession given 1st of March. Inquire at No. 201 East 18th-st.

STEAM POWER AND LIGHT ROOMS, over Broadway, opposite Earle's Hotel. Inquire of Mr. JAY or Mr. GALBIT No. 102 Walker-st.

REAL ESTATE.

A GOOD CHANCE, IF APPLIED FOR SOON.—For sale, a lot 25 feet front, on 3d-av., between 18th and 19th-sts. Also, a very desirable building lot, 25 feet front, on 3d-av., between 18th and 19th-sts. Also, a very desirable

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

VOLUNTEERING AND THE PROSPECTIVE DRAFT.

Interesting Report of the County Volunteer Committee.

The following report was presented to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, ordered to be printed in document form, and the ordinance attached thereto adopted:

The County Volunteer Committee, to whom was referred a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting, held Feb. 2, requesting certain particulars as to the quota of the County of New-York, under the last call of the President for 500,000 men, would respectfully

REPORT:

That though the committee have made every effort to procure this information for the board, they have as yet been unsuccessful, in consequence of the authorities at Washington not having announced the quota of the State under the President's last call. As soon as your committee can ascertain the facts authoritatively, they will be communicated to your board without delay.

Your committee, however, have themselves made an estimate of what will be required of New-York County under the call of the President for 500,000 men. This estimate is based upon the quota allotted to New-York under the previous call for 300,000 men, and is made up entirely from the data which the operations of your committee have made available.

The estimate is annexed, marked Appendix A.

Your committee deem it proper to state, in this connection, that they are satisfied that the quota of the City of New-York, under the several calls of the President, is somewhat unfairly adjusted, and have been fixed at altogether too large a figure.

It is well known that there is a numerous floating population constantly coming into and leaving the City, but who are assessed to belong to it because they happen to be in it at the time when the enrollment is made. This floating population probably amounts to 250,000 souls, who are counted as part of the City population, but who cannot be held liable to draft here.

And it follows that the residents proper of the County are compelled to furnish from their own number, in case of draft, one sufficient to supply the number added to our quota because of the presence of this floating population in the City.

Your committee have thought it proper to make these representations on this subject in the proper quarter, and they shall make every effort on this and other equally reasonable grounds, to bring the quota of the County under the new call for troops down to the number only which, by right and justice, ought to be required of the County of New-York.

Your committee would also respectfully report, that the appropriation of $2,000,000 made on the 26th day of October, 1863, for the purpose of raising volunteers to supply the deficiency under the call of the 6th of January, and to make up the quota under any future call, will be soon expended, and an additional appropriation is needed at once. By the statement of the committee's operations annexed, both under the Substitute and Relief Ordinance, and the Ordinance to raise Substitute Soldiers, (marked Appendix B,) it will be seen at a glance, in what manner the money intrusted to your committee has been expended, and what number of men have thus far been raised.

Your committee are happy to state that while our former appropriations for this purpose have been illegal, and hence it has been difficult to obtain subscriptions for them, the Legislature has just passed an enactment by which not only all previous acts are legalized, but the money of subscribers to both accounts is made retroactive with the local governments, so that the appropriation now proposed will be in accordance with law, and subscriptions thereto will, therefore, without doubt, be readily obtained.

The committee had hoped to add to this report a copy of this law, but as yet it has not been received.

Also annexed, and marked Appendix C, is the draft of an ordinance making a further appropriation of $2,000,000 for the procurement of volunteers.

Your committee, in conclusion, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That this report be received, and with the Appendix be printed in document form.

Resolved, That the ordinance annexed, and marked Appendix C, be, and it is hereby, adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ORISON BLUNT,
WILLIAM E. TWEED,
ELIJAH F. PURDY,
WM. R. STEWART.

APPENDIX A.

STATEMENT OF MEN FURNISHED OR CREDITED TO BY THE COUNTY SUBSTITUTE AND RELIEF COMMITTEE, AND BY THE COUNTY VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE, UP TO AND INCLUDING FEBRUARY 6TH, WITH ESTIMATE OF MEN LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED OF NEW-YORK, UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN, WITH REFERENCE TO PROBABILITY OF THE QUOTA BEING FILLED BY DRAFT.

Men Demanded.	
Under the call of the President for 500,000 men by the 5th January, the quota of New-York was fixed at	12,000 men.
There was added one-half to supply anticipated deficiency by reason of exemptions	6,000 men.
Total called for under 5th January call	18,000 men.
The call for 500,000 men being virtually a call for 200,000 men for 10th March, in addition to the call for 300,000 for the 5th of January, the additional number required of New-York to supply our quota of the 200,000 men, calculated on the basis of the quota on the call for 300,000 men will be	8,000 men.
Add one-half for deficiency	4,000 men.
Total likely to be called for under the 10th March call	12,000 men.
Total quota under the two calls	30,000 men.
Deduct from the above the men added to supply deficiencies, viz:	10,000 men.
The quota of New-York would be filled under the calls, if there should be raised by volunteering or draft	20,000 men.
Men Furnished.	
Toward supplying these 20,000 men, the County Substitute and Relief Committee furnished substitutes for drafted men to the number of	1,650 men.
They paid commutation (which counted as men) for drafted men	102 men.
They relieved the families of drafted men, who elected to go to the war	4 men.
Total number of men furnished by Substitute and Relief Committee	1,941 men.
The County Volunteer Committee have paid of volunteers	4,062 men.
Of men reinstated in the field	3,166 men.
Total number of men furnished by County Volunteer Committee	7,228 men.
Total furnished by the County Substitute and Relief Committee and the County Volunteer Committee toward the quota under the call for 500,000 men	9,043 men.
Add to this the number estimated to have been contained by the draft who were not relieved by the County	2,509 men.
Estimated number of men raised up to Feb. 6, the date of this report, to be credited to the City of New-York, on the call for 500,000 men	10,349 men.
Your committee estimate that up to the 1st of March they will furnish an average of 150 men per day, including volunteers and substitutes, men, being for the twenty-five days remaining	3,750 men.
Making a total of men to be credited from the estimated quota of 20,000 men under the President's call for 500,000 men	14,099 men.
General Result.	
Estimated quota under call for 500,000 men	20,000 men.
Recent volunteering, and credit for do	14,099 men.
Deficiency to be supplied by draft if it be not delayed beyond March	5,901 men.
Add one-half for deficiency in case of draft	2,951 men.
Total in case of draft	8,851 men.

APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS UNDER SUBSTITUTE AND RELIEF ORDINANCE, ADOPTED AUG. 26, 1863.

Amount appropriated by Ordinance adopted August 26, 1863	$2,000,000 00
Amount subscribed and paid in	$946,700 00
Expended for the Relief of 1,655 Drafted persons who furnished Substitutes	$922,555 00
Expended for the relief of 102 drafted persons who did not furnish substitutes and for whom commutation was paid to the Government	20,400 00
Expended for families of four conscripts who elected to go to the war	1,100 00
Expended for Substitute found to be a deserter after actually being mustered into the service	125 00
Expended for all other purposes, including printing, advertising, clerk hire, rent, &c	18,621 45
	$962,201 45
Balance of amount subscribed and paid in unexpended	$984,798 55
Transferred to account of Substitute Bounty Fund	300,000 00
Amount still remaining	642,764 45
Total appropriation	$2,000,000 00
Expended for all purposes	962,201 55
Amount expended less than appropriation	$1,037,798 45

STATEMENT OF ORDINANCES WHERE SUBSCRIPTIONS WERE TAKEN ORDINANCE, ADOPTED AUG. 26, 1863 MAY BE ADD ORDINANCE FEB. 6.

Amount appropriated by Ordinance adopted Oct. 26, 1863	$2,000,000 00
Amount transferred from the unexpended balance of Substitute Relief Fund	300,000 00
Total amount available	$2,300,000 00
Amount subscribed and paid in	$1,446,000 00
Amount transferred from the unexpended balance of Substitute and Relief Fund	300,000 00
Amount actually raised	$1,746,000 00
Expended in the payment of 1,160 relinted men	$1,607,200 00
Expended for all other purposes, including printing, advertising, clerk hire, rent, &c	168,568 00
	14,190 48
	1,779,758 48
Balance of amount subscribed unexpended	$167,241 52
Total appropriation	$2,000,000 00
Amount transferred from the unexpended balance of Substitute and Relief Fund	300,000 00
Total amount available	$2,300,000 00
Expended for all purposes, to Feb. 6	1,779,758 48
Amount expended less than amount available	$520,200 52

APPENDIX C.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ARMIES OF THE UNION, AS PART AND PARCEL OF THE QUOTA OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK, UNDER THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT FOR FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of New-York do ordain as follows:

The Board of Supervisors of the County of New-York do ordain as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of expediting the raising of the additional number of men recently called for by the President of the United States, the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to pay, as hereinafter provided, such sum and sums of money as may be necessary to obtain acceptable volunteers for such service, not exceeding $300 for any one volunteer, who shall be credited and allowed on account of the quota of men required to be furnished by this County under the last call of the President.

Sec. 2. The moneys authorized by the preceding section to be paid for volunteers shall be paid to such volunteers respectively, at the office of the Comptroller, or such other place or places as said Comptroller may designate, immediately on their furnishing him with satisfactory evidence of their having enlisted and been duly accepted, and mustered into the military service of the United States, for the term of three years or during the war.

Sec. 3. The Mayor and Comptroller of the City of New-York, and the following-named members of this board, that is to say, ELIJAH F. PURDY, ORMONDE BLUNT, WILLIAM M. TWEED and WILLIAM R. STEWART, are hereby designated and appointed a committee to procure the enlistment of volunteers authorized by this ordinance, and to secure that the volunteers raised under this and previous ordinances, for the same purpose, are counted upon the quota of this County, under the last call of the President.

Sec. 4. In order that the Comptroller may be enabled to make the payments hereinbefore authorized, and the expenses incidentally incurred in the execution of this ordinance, he is hereby authorized to borrow, from time to time, on the faith and credit of the County of New-York, a sum not exceeding an aggregate of two millions dollars, ($2,000,000,) which amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Sec. 5. For the money so borrowed, the Comptroller is hereby authorized to issue bonds of the County therefor, in the usual form, which shall be designated and known as the "Volunteer Bounty Fund Bonds," and the same shall be transferable at the pleasure of the holders thereof, either in person or by attorney, only upon the books of the County, at the office of the Comptroller, and certificates of such transfers shall be indorsed thereon by the Stock Clerk.

Sec. 6. The said bonds shall be signed by the Comptroller, countersigned by the Mayor, sealed with the common seal of the board, and attested by the Clerk of this board. They shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and the principal shall be redeemable on the 1st day of June, 1865.

Sec. 7. For the payment of the principal of said bonds, and the interest to accrue thereon, the faith of the County of New-York, and of the Board of Supervisors of said County, is hereby solemnly pledged, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and required to redeem and cancel the same, from time to time, at or before their maturity.

THE CHATHAM-STREET SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Great Excitement Among the "Dead Rabbits."

THE ANTE-MORTEM EXAMINATION OF THE VICTIM.—HE REFUSES TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIS MURDERER.

Coroner NAUMANN yesterday afternoon impanneled a jury at the New-York Hospital, and proceeded to take the testimony in the case of MICHAEL PURCELL, who was shot on Friday, at No. 145 Chatham-street, by Mr. JOHN VALENTINE GEARY, as reported in the TIMES of yesterday. The following testimony was given:

Edward O'Brien testified that he resided at No. 6 Doyer-street, and that he was a partner in the curiosity show at No. 145 Chatham-street; on Thursday evening the wounded man (PURCELL) came to the above-named place, and threatened to break up the business unless we paid him $3 per day; at 11 o'clock yesterday he came there alone and smashed the table and other things, and assaulted the organ-player; Mr. John Valentine Geary was attacked by him, and Geary drew a revolver and shot Purcell; they were about twelve feet apart when the shot was fired; Purcell was shot after he had finished breaking the things; the latter had no knife, pistol or club; as soon as Purcell was shot he turned and ran down stairs; Mr. Geary left the room and witness followed him; witness left him, Geary, at the corner of Division-street and Bowery.

James Geary testified: I live at No. 15 Bowery; I am a showman; I witnessed the shooting of Purcell; between 11 and 12 o'clock I saw Purcell in the show-room in Chatham-street; the first thing I saw he was pushing the organ-player against a table, almost pushing him over; he then smashed the table, and knocked down a glass-case and everything else in the place; Geary then drew a revolver and shot Purcell instantly; I think he shot Purcell twice; Purcell then ran out, and that was the last I saw of him; Geary and Purcell were about ten feet apart when the shooting took place.

At the conclusion of the testimony, the jury rendered the following verdict: "We find that MICHAEL PURCELL came to his dangerous injuries by a pistol-shot at the hands of JOHN VALENTINE GEARY."

PURCELL has refused to make any complaint against the accused, and says that if he lives he will pay him in his own coin, and if he dies he desires the whole transaction to die with him.

Coroner NAUMANN then committed the accused to the Tombs to await the result of the injuries. PURCELL is about 23 years of age, and is a native of Ireland.

During the evening succeeding the shooting of PURCELL, another affray occurred in the Bowery growing out of the affair above recited, which at one time threatened very serious results. It appears that a great excitement was kept up all night throughout the Fourth and Sixth Wards, on account of the shooting affair in Chatham-street. The whole of the "Dead Rabbit" gang became highly exasperated on account of the fact that their leader had been shot and mortally wounded. At about 8 o'clock P. M. EUGENE GEARY, brother of the prisoner was passing along the Bowery, opposite Cooper's Dining Saloon, when he was accosted by a friend of PURCELL, named JIM BARKLEY, who said, "How is your murdering brother?" GEARY replied, "I suppose he is locked up." DANIEL MCDERMOTT, a person well known to the police, then interfered and called GEARY a thief. BARKLEY passed a pistol to MCDERMOTT, when the latter challenged GEARY to a fight. The latter caught MCDERMOTT's hand, and while he held it, drew a revolver from his pocket, placed the muzzle close to MCDERMOTT's head and tried to fire. Fortunately the pistol missed fire, otherwise MCDERMOTT would have been a dead man. About this time Officer LYONS, of the Tenth Precinct, came to the scene and put an end to further hostilities by taking the offenders to the station-house.

Extensive Fire on Water-street.

DAMAGE ABOUT $50,000—ATTEMPT TO BURN A LARGE BONDED WAREHOUSE.

About 1 o'clock yesterday morning, a fire was discovered in the warehouse of Messrs. MILLER & CANADA, No. 562 Water-street. The building was five stories in height, and from the first floor, where the fire originated, it speedily extended throughout the entire building. The loss on the latter is estimated at about $5,000. It was stored principally with coffee, sugar, molasses and cotton. The loss on goods is about $40,000; said to be fully insured in City companies. The police report that the fire originated from spontaneous combustion among some bales of cotton that were stored in the premises a few hours before the fire broke out.

Fire-Marshal BAKER yesterday made a thorough examination as to the origin, and it is his opinion that the cotton stowed there on Friday afternoon was set on fire previous to being brought there—i. e., that some one or more of the bales of cotton had fire put inside, and that the element was smouldering for several hours after the cotton had been placed in the storehouse. The cotton had just been received from New-Orleans, and consisted of fifteen bales.

The building adjoining, on Water-street, is a very extensive bonded warehouse, in which, according to Marshal BAKER's report, there were stowed goods to the amount of many millions of dollars. Messrs. A. T. STEWART & Co., and other well-known merchants have a great quantity of goods stored in this bonded warehouse, and the theory of the Fire Marshal is that instead of the fire being the result of spontaneous combustion, the cotton was fired for the purpose of burning the extensive warehouse adjoining, together with the contents. If this theory be correct it is one of the most daring attempts at incendiarism that has occurred for years.

The Mozart-Saloon Fake.

BAFFLING PROTEST AGAINST.

The following protest has been handed us for publication:

The undersigned, ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, feel bound solemnly to protest against the introduction of raffling at the Metropolitan Fair, proposed to be held in the City of New-York, in aid of the United States Sanitary Commission:

1. We protest against it because it is, in our opinion, contrary to the law of God.

2. We protest against it, because it is absolutely contrary to the law of the State, which forbids, under pains and penalties, "the setting up or proposing any money, or things in action, to be raffled for, or the becoming interested in the distribution of any money, goods, or things in action, by lot or chance."

3. We protest against it, because the judgment of the civilized world, as expressed in the legislation of many Christian States, (our own in particular,) condemns, as immoral, all resort to the lot, or what is commonly called chance, for the purpose of raising money, or disposing of articles, not otherwise readily salable.

As the logical issues of these positions, and under the imperitable constraint of duty which they involve, we cannot take part, directly or indirectly, in an enterprise, which, however worthy in its ulterior objects is publicly advertised to close in violation of both divine and human law, and in disregard of the judgment of mankind and of the interests of morality, which cannot fail to react powerfully in a tendency to debauch the public conscience and corrupt the public virtue.

Signed by

Gardiner Spring, Pastor of Brick Church, N. Y.
J. McElroy, of Scotch Presbyterian Church, N. Y.
Geo. Potts, Pastor of University-place Presbyterian Church, N. Y.
Thomas De Witt, Minister of Coll. R. D. Church, N. Y.
John M. Krebs, Pastor of Madison-av. Presbyterian Church, New-York.
E. P. Rodgers, Pastor of S. Dutch Ch., N. Y.
Stephen H. Tyng, Rector of St. George's Ch., N.Y.
Howard Crosby, Pastor of Fourth-avenue Presbyterian Church, New-York.
Wm. R. Williams, Pastor of Amity-street Baptist Church, New-York.
E. Thomson, Ed. *Advocate & Journal*, N. Y.
Henry J. Fox, Pastor of Central M. E. Ch., N. Y.
N. L. Rice, Pastor of Fifth-avenue and Tenth-street Presbyterian Church, New-York.
Edward Lathrop, Pastor Tabernacle Baptist Church, New-York.
Thomas D. Anderson, Pastor First Baptist Church, New-York.
E. C. Wines, Cor. Sec. Prisons Association.
H. D. Ganse, Pastor N. W. Reform Dutch Church, New-York.
Jno. J. Owen, Vice President New-York Free Academy, New-York.
Chas. E. Imbrie, Pastor 1st Pres. Ch., Jersey City.
J. Romeyn Berry, Pastor 3d R. C. Ch., Jersey City.
Wheelock H. Parmly, Pastor Baptist Ch., J. City.
E. R. Craven, Pastor 3d Pres. Ch., Newark, N. J.
J. M. Stevenson, Corresponding Secretary American Tract Society, New-York.
H. Dyer, No. 3 Bible House.
John Cotton Smith, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, New-York.
Charles Whitehead, Captain N. Y. Hospital, N. Y.
W. R. Van Hyck, Pastor Reform Dutch Church, Astoria, L. I.
Benj. C. Taylor Pastor Reformed Dutch Church, Bergen, New-Jersey.
D. M. L. Quackenbush, Pastor Prospect Hill Ch.
H. Verbeke, Pastor Reform Church, Irvington, New-Jersey.
Jas. B. Wilson, Pastor Reform Dutch Church, Long Branch, New-Jersey.
Jacob Fabrman, Pastor Reform Dutch Church, Richmond, Staten Island.
Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.
N. W. Jones, New-York.
E. T. Magee, Pastor Stanton-street Baptist Church, New-York.
Ira B. Steward, Pastor Mariner's Church, Oliver-street, New-York.
R. L. Dashiel, Pastor Trinity M. E. Church, Jersey City.
J. Brinton Smith, Rector St. Matthew's Church, Jersey City.
Daniel Curry, Pastor Thirty-seventh-street M. E. Church, New-York.
John Dowling, Pastor of Berean Baptist Church, New-York.
Duncan Dunbar, Pastor McDougal-street Baptist Church, New-York.
W. H. Pendleton, Pastor Cannon-street Baptist Church, New-York.
Frank Remington, Pastor Harlem Baptist Church.
J. W. Daniels, Pastor Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.
Daniel Morris, New-York.
G. Alex. Folts, Pastor Pilgrim Baptist Church, New-York.
John Q. Adams, Pastor Antioch St. Baptist's Church, New-York.
Jas. Harkness, Pastor Scotch Pres. Church, Jersey City.
A. D. L. Jewett, Pastor Pres. Ch., Throg's Neck.
John Hancock, Pastor Throop-av., Pres. Church, Brooklyn.
J. D. Wells, Pastor South Third-st. Pres. Church, Brooklyn, E. D.
J. McDougal, Jr., Pastor Ainslie-st. Church, Brooklyn, E. D.
S. F. Farmer, Pastor Twenty-eighth-st. Pres. Church, New-York.
Nathaniel West, Pastor Second-st. Pres. Church, Brooklyn.
A. P. Botsford, Pastor Pres. Church, East Eighty-sixth st., New-York.
B. F. Stead, Pastor Pres. Church, Astoria.
John P. Knox, Pastor Pres. Ch., Newtown, L. I.
Wm. R. Duryee, Pastor Ref. D. Church, E. Williamsburgh.
Thos. Davis, Pastor Hammonton Baptist Church, N. J.
Wm. Verrinder, City Missionary, Jersey City.
T. J. Evans, Mod. N. Y. Pres. Blauveltville, N. Y.
Jas. K. Campbell, New-York.
Seth Bliss, New-York.
Matthias Lusk, Jersey City.
R. D. Van Kleek, Jersey City.
Jno. L. Chapman, Bergen, N. J.
A. B. Campbell, Newark, N. J.
W. C. Van Meter, New-York.
W. S. Mikels, New-York.
Joshua Fletcher, New-York.
David T. Morrill, New York.
H. F. Smith, New-York.
H. G. Farley, New-York.
David Terry, Rec. Sec. Miss. Society M. E. Ch., N. Y.

Scientific.

POLYTECHNIC ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE.

The regular meeting was held on Thursday evening, Feb. 11, Prof. S. D. TILLMAN, Chairman, presiding, REV. GARVEY, Secretary.

The Chairman opened the meeting by reading a very interesting summary of scientific news. Under the head of Astronomy, he gave an account of the recent observations made by the leading astronomers on the companion of Sirius. Under the head of Medicine, he described a disease now prevalent amongst the inhabitants of Iceland, as well as amongst their cattle and dogs, and which is caused by an insect depositing its larvæ in the intestines; he also mentioned the discovery of infusoria in the blood of a man who died of typhoid fever, and called attention to a new application of electricity as a curative agent in asthma. Under the head of Photography, he mentioned a new developing agent lately introduced. He also called special attention to the meteorological observations called for by Sir WILLIAM HERSCHELL, to be made in all parts of the world, to determine the action of the moon in influencing the state of the weather at the full and quadrature.

New inventions and discoveries being called for, a member exhibited to the association WILMOT's patent Tompion for cannon and guns. This invention consists of two plates of metal, connected by a mill-headed screw, between which a mass of India rubber is placed, so that on turning the screw the plates are drawn together, the rubber being compressed, is forced out at the sides, completely filling the bore of the gun and fixing the Tompion firmly in it. It was regarded as a neat invention, though the principle of its action was not considered novel. The regular subject, "Tides and Waves, and Means of Utilizing their Power," was introduced by the Chairman, who read a paper on the theory of the tides, and traced the development of that theory by KEPLER and NEWTON, &c., through all its phases. He also commented upon the invaluable observations made by Prof. BACHE and officers of the United States Coast Survey to determine the laws of the tides as influenced by local causes all along our coast.

Mr. NORMAN WIARD gave an account of the *Rocker*, a vessel invented, some eight years ago by an Englishman. It was, as its name implies, a ship capable of rocking in the middle as the bow or stern would be lifted by a wave, the object being to utilize the force obtained in that way for the propulsion of the vessel. He, the speaker, regarded this as an absurd idea, but mentioned it as connected with the subject of the evening. Among other modes of utilizing the force of waves, the employment of a cylinder and piston was examined to determine how many horse power could be obtained. Messrs. WARD, MILLER, ROWELL, DUNBAR, FISHER, GARVEY, and others remarked on this subject, the conclusion of all being that no power of economical value could be thus obtained.

Mr. FISHER gave an account of the Boston tide basins for obtaining water power by allowing one basin to fill while the tide was making in, and the other to empty while the tide ebbed, thus keeping up a continual flow from one basin to the other. He also stated, that on the River Po, barges are moored in the stream and are fitted up as flour-mills, the power being obtained from the current, and suggested the employment of such floating mills to utilize the current produced by the tide.

Mr. FRANK DUNBAR stated that such mills were in common use, on most of the principle streams in the West.

Mr. WIARD drew a tide wheel which he built several years ago for the Niagara River. It fastened to a pier, and was so constructed that the current, whether it was ebbing or flowing, was made to turn the wheel in the full force of the current. It was, of course, with varied success.

Dr. ROWELL made a drawing of a tide-wheel to be used in the sluice of a mill, based on a system of double gates; the water, whether entering or leaving the basin, was made to turn the wheel in one direction always.

It was stated that there are, in addition to the Boston mills, several others in Connecticut, on Staten Island, &c., which are worked by the power of the tides.

"Compressed Air as a Motive Power," being selected as the subject for discussion on Thursday evening next, on motion, the Association adjourned.

Junior Exhibition of the New-York Free Academy.

Cooper Institute was well filled, last evening, with an attentive and appreciative audience, more than half of whom were ladies, to witness the junior exhibition of the New-York Free Academy.

HERMAN WEDEKIND, LL.D., who an evening paper announced as deceased, presided over the meeting, looking as well, hearty and dignified as ever. The exercises were commenced by the overture to "Tancredi," performed by Dodworth's Band, under the direction of HARVEY B. DODWORTH; after which prayer was offered by Rev. HOWARD CROSBY, D. D.

The order of exercises comprised an oration—"Love of Country"—delivered by RUDOLPH W. SCHADE, which was very well received; an oration—"America and Poland"—delivered by WM. H. LAKE, which was also very well received; an oration—"Future of the United States"—delivered by FRANCIS A. SAMPSON, which was decidedly good; an oration—"Egoism"—delivered by CHAS. H. SMITH, Jr., which was very well delivered; an oration—"Washington"—delivered by WM. H. VAN ANTWERP, also very good; an original poem—"Woman and the War"—by GEO. W. BURGESS, which was excellent and received with great enthusiasm; an oration—"Aimless Men"—by JOHN B. PARSONS; an oration—"Mirabeau"—by JOHN S. HOYT; an oration—"National Greatness"—by J. BRANDON SMITH; and "Perfection in Government," by WM. C. WARREN.

From the commencement the exercises were well conducted, each orator receiving a good share of applause, until it came to the poem of "Women and the War," by GEORGE W. BURGESS, here the applause was almost deafening. The poem was very well composed. Commencing with Eve in the Garden of Eden, the temptation, the eating of the forbidden fruit, he passed on through the various ages, mentioning, in terms of praise, the great Joan of Arc, paying a beautiful tribute of respect and esteem to FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, he gradually came to the deserving women of the present day, their sacrifices at home, their anxiety for the dear ones in the army, their noble efforts in the hospitals, and the various other ways at home and abroad in which they had served their country faithfully, and so well performed their woman's mission to the soldier. His poem, alternately witty and serious, was frequently interrupted by applause, and at its close he was twice obliged to come forward upon the stage and acknowledge the compliment; before the exercises were allowed to proceed. The mention of the Emancipation Proclamation by J. BRANDON SMITH, also caused great applause, and the able manner in which he handled his subject was well appreciated. Mr. JOHN S. HOYT also was very good; his subject, however—"Mirabeau"—was not sufficiently modern to thoroughly entertain the audience—they evidently wanted matters of the present day. Mr. JOHN B. PARSONS was rather nervous at first, but a hearty round of applause soon brought him to himself, and a beautiful bouquet, doubtless thrown by some fair hand, completely restored his self-possession.

Among the distinguished gentlemen present were Prof. Davies, Judge Davies, Peter Cooper, Mr. Lane of the Bank of Commerce, Profs. Chase and Docharty of the Academy, and Messrs. Cass, Miller, Hasting, Hayes, Farr and Tuthill of the Board of Education.

During the exercises Brig.-Gen. GEO. C. SMITH appeared upon the stage, accompanied by Brig.-Gen. DAVIES, of Missouri. He was greeted with a round of applause, which he accepted in his usual smiling and good-humored manner.

The Female Assistance Society.

The managers of the Female Assistance Society acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of the following donations, and once more appeal to their friends and a generous community for the funds necessary to relieve the wants of the sick poor; they are ever with us, and the high prices of food and fuel constrain many to apply for assistance who, under more favorable circumstances, would trust to their own resources:

By Mrs. Cochran—From the estate of John Rose, deceased, late of the City of New-York, $10,000; James Lenox, Esq., $200; T. H. Parks, $100; R. L. & A. Stuart, $100; Mrs. James McBride, $100; Mrs. Johnston, $25; Mrs. J. J. McLoughlin, $25; Miss Jay, $10; Mrs. R. B. Minturn, $25; An Unknown Friend, $5. By Miss Barbour—Mr. T. Cochran, $10; Mrs. Barbour, $3; Mrs. Irwin, $5. By Mrs. Irwin—Mrs. Margaret Morris, $5. By Mrs. Mitchell—R. L. Swan, Esq., life subscription, $30; Otis D. Swan, Esq., $5; A Friend, $3; Mrs. Pell, $3; Miss Pell, $3; Miss Brinkerhoff, $5; Mrs. R. L. Curtis, $5; Mrs. J. Callender, $3 50. By Mrs. Green—Mrs. G. G. Wilmerding, $3; Mrs. J. C. Wilmerding, $3; Mrs. W. L. Mount, $3; Mr. C. H. Wilmerding, $3; Mr. C. T. Morton, $3; Mr. T. Rank, $3; Mr. T. A. Wilmerding, $3. By Mrs. Green—A Friend, $3. By Mrs. Van Wagenen—Mrs. J. Sturges, $5. By Mrs. Stowe—Miss S., $5; Mr. Hicks, $2. By Mrs. Wicker—Mrs. G. Martin, $5; Mrs. A. Martin, $1. By Mrs. Joyce—Mr. Lewis, $. By Miss Sparks—Miss McClure, $5. By Miss Post—A gentleman, $30; Miss W. Post, $10; G., $5. By Mrs. Skidmore—Mr. F. P. Randolph, $50; Mr. Wetmore, $5; Mrs. J. Bruce, Sen., $5; Mrs. Wm. Cockcroft, $24; Mrs. D. Parish, $25; Mr. I. Hawley, $10; Mr. J. Hawley, $10; Mr. E. Hawley, $10; Mr. E. Belknap, $5; Mrs. Downer, $2; Mrs. T. Smith, $2. By Mrs. Shaffer—Mrs. Mackrel, $1; Mrs. Loss, 50 cts.; Mr. Dunnigan, $3. By Mrs. Carter—Mrs. John Rodgers, $5. By Mrs. Oliver—Mr. J. D. Oliver, $10; Mrs. E. Lafferts, $10; Miss M. A. Kissam, $10; Mrs. C. A. Livingston, $5; Mr. David Banks, $5. By Mrs. Frear—Mr. Jacob Brower, $10.

The Late Fireworks Fight.

The Board of Fire Commissioners before whom was brought the matter of the fight at the late fire, corner of Spring and Mercer streets, between the members of Engine Companies numbers Fifty and Fifty-four, at which several persons were seriously injured, and one so badly shot as to require being taken to the Hospital, have decided to disband both companies; their apparatus have accordingly been taken from them, and the companies are no longer recognized as belonging to the New-York Fire Department. Fire Commissioners GERMAN, LAWRENCE and BOXELL, deserve great credit from both the public and the department for the prompt manner in which they punished these refractory members. So long as the volunteer department is conducted by such gentlemen, and they are supported as they now are by the members generally, it will continue to be a credit to this City.

New Quarantine Site.

Several gentlemen, among the number Mayor GUNTHER, Ex-Mayor HALL, Surveyor ARDESWS, Dr. THOMPSON, Dr. GUNN, Dr. WALKER, Mr. CYRUS P. SMITH, Capt. JOHN GULLEDGE, and Mr. GEO. W. BLUNT, left the barge office pier yesterday morning on a steamer for the lower bay to locate a site for a new quarantine.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

GENEROUS OCULIST.—Mr. PETER GOUGLEMAN, oculist, doing business in Broadway, has been for some time furnishing poor soldiers, who have lost an eye in battle, with artificial ones, and so well has he counterfeited nature, that yesterday he was the object of a military visitation under the following circumstances: It appears that a soldier by the name of BAXTER, formerly of the First Massachusetts Artillery, who lost an eye at Fredericksburgh, called at the oculist's, and stated that he was poor, but, nevertheless, desirous of having a glass eye. Mr. GOUGLEMAN kindly furnished one, and the soldier went on his way contented. His journey, however, extended only to the Park Barracks, where he offered himself as a veteran for reinlistment. He passed the examination was sworn in, and received his bounty, $50 of which he sent to his mother in Massachusetts; the balance he deposited with the oculist. Before the glass-eyed recruit was fairly one of the rank and file, his former Captain, knowing of his defect, mentioned the matter to the recruiting officer, who singled BAXTER out, and accused him of dishonesty. BAXTER protested that he wanted to fight for his country again, and that nobody would know he had a glass eye if they would mind their own business. The recruiting officer, not satisfied with the argument, and imagining there was some complicity between the recruit and the oculist, waited on the doctor and threatened to arrest him if he did not produce the money BAXTER had deposited with him. This Mr. GOUGLEMAN was very willing to do, as the whole of the affair both as far as the eye was concerned and the money, was the result solely of a generous motive. BAXTER still retains his eye, the recruiting officer the money, and the oculist his good reputation.

LAUNCHES.—The new side-wheel steamer *Excelsior*, built at SEACK's yard, for the Messrs. LEARY, was launched yesterday, at 2 P. M. The engines are being constructed by JAMES MURRAY & Co. With the power to be put in her, and her perfect model, speed may be reasonably anticipated. She is 225 feet in length, with 40 feet beam over all, and is to be in running order in the month of May. The new steamship *Pung Shuey* was also launched yesterday, from E. S. Westcott's yard, at Greenpoint. She is 210 feet in length, with 38 feet beam, and 17 feet from upper deck to keel, her between decks being 7 feet. Her engines and boiler were built by C. H. DELAMATER. She is intended for the Chinese waters.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—The Rev. TAYLOR R. CHERRY has been appointed assistant to the Rector of St. George's Church, and assumed their duties Feb. 1. This appointment will be a gratification to the many friends of Mr. CHERRY, and also one in which we may congratulate the Rector and members of St. George's congregation. Mr. CHERRY's long experience and admirable characteristics well adapted to aid in promoting the successful administration of the immense parochial work of that large and flourishing church.

DROWNED.—A little girl, named JANE PARKER, an apple peddler, was accidentally drowned yesterday, at pier No. 18, North River. Deceased, at the time of the accident, was endeavoring to secure her basket, which had been thrown into the water by some boys. It is stated that no effort was made to rescue the girl, although several witnessed her struggles in the water. The body was not recovered.

BRUTAL ASSAULT ON A POLICEMAN.—A gang of notoriously bad men made an attack on roundsman RIEKMAN, of the Fifth Precinct, on Friday night, at the foot of Canal-street, near Spring, while that officer was in the discharge of his duty. They clubbed and stoned him in the most brutal manner. His injuries are very severe. Two of the rowdies, named MICHAEL BOYCE and JOHN G. GARVIN, were arrested and committed for trial.

THE RE D'ITALIA.—The Italian iron-clad *Re d'Italia* went on a trial trip to the Lower Bay yesterday, and back to abreast of Eighteenth-street, North River, and then going over the same course again, her engines on one occasion making 81 revolutions, and showing a speed of 10½ and 11 knots. Her performance was highly satisfactory to her officers. She anchored in the North River on her return, and will proceed on another trial on Monday.

THE COOPER UNION.—The Literary Class of the Cooper Union will celebrate the anniversary of WASHINGTON's birthday by an interesting entertainment in the large hall of the Cooper Institute, on the evening of Feb. 20. The class has been for some time under the tutorage of Mr. J. R. PARSONS, Professor of Elocution, and is expected to acquit itself excellently.

SERENADE TO COL. PRICE.—Col. EDWIN LIVINGSTON PRICE, of the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment, was serenaded Friday night at his residence, No. 50 Tenth-street, by the non-commissioned officers of his late command, the One Hundred and Forty-fifth having been consolidated with other regiments. After the serenade, the Colonel made a few remarks, and invited the serenaders to accept an excellent collation.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE.—The annual election for officers of the Institute took place on Thursday afternoon. The regular nominations, headed by Gen. WM. HALL as President, were elected. The members' ticket being defeated. Out of a list of members of over twelve hundred, but 154 took sufficient interest in the affairs of the Institute to vote.

THE WELSH AND THE FAIR.—A committee of Welsh citizens have issued an earnest, eloquent appeal to their countrymen to respond to the call of the Sanitary Commission. A special place will be assigned them, as there will be to other nationalities, and the signs are that they will make most liberal contributions.

LAW REPORTS.

Collector of the Lawrence Estate—Motion to Dissolve the Injunction in the Case.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge Cardozo.

Lawrence vs. Parsons.—This was an application to dissolve an injunction restraining Weare D. Parsons from acting as collector of the estate of the late A. R. Lawrence, under an appointment of the Surrogate.

The case was noticed in the TIMES of Thursday. Couns